

Licking County Transportation Improvement District
Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes
December 13, 2023

The regular monthly meeting of the Licking County Transportation Improvement District (LCTID) was called to order at 8:32 a.m. by Chairman Flowers on Wednesday, December 13, 2023 at the Donald D. Hill County Administration Building, 20 S. 2nd Street, Newark Ohio 43055

Board Members Present

Jared Knerr, Duane Flowers, Andy Walther, Rick Platt, Mark VanBuren

Others Present

William Lozier, TransCon

Tom Pannett, Kegler Brown

Scott Ryan, Ohio Dept of Development

Jennifer Shuey, DLZ

Nita Hanson, Etna Township

Matt Hill, LCATS

Steve Smith, Terracon

John Enderle, Terracon

Valerie Croasman, MS Consultants

Michael Salvatore, American Structure Pointe

Scott Seaman, GPD Group

Tim McDonald, Burgess & Niple

Kristen Studabaker, Carpenter Marty

Patricia Moss, Citizen

Mark Johns, City of Heath

Ashely Hartsock, ADR & Associates

Jason Carr, Wilson Shannon & Snow

Representative Thad Claggett

Tim Bubb, Licking County Commissioner

Michael Keller, EMHT

Jeff Ortega, VS Engineering

Jacque Annarino, ODOT

Scott Haines, Verdantas

Brian Morehead, City of Newark

Jeff Hall, City of Newark

Sean Staneart, City of Johnstown

Jared Lane, City of Heath

Dave Dicks, LCPC Board Member

Alan Haines, City of Pataskala

Jay Garrison, Shelly

Jamie Leeseberg, EL Robinson

Jim Roberts, Southwest Licking Water & Sewer

Roll Call

Roll call was taken and all members present were seated.

Approval of November 8, 2023 Meeting Minutes

Mr. Walther made a motion to approve the November 8, 2023 meeting minutes, seconded by Mr. Knerr. A voice vote was called and the motion passed.

Finances

Mr. Carr reviewed with the Board the financial reports for October 2023.

Motion by Mr. Platt, seconded by Mr. VanBuren to approve the October Financial Report and upon roll call vote, carried with each member present individually voting "yes".

Resolution 2023-10

Mr. Knerr reviewed with the Board Resolution 2023-10.

Motion by Mr. Walther, seconded by Mr. VanBuren to approve Resolution 2023-10 and upon roll call vote, carried with each member present individually voting "yes".

Project Update – Bill Lozier

Thornwood Drive Corridor

Thornwood Crossing Bridge – The project is under construction. The temporary bridge is open.

River Road to Faye Drive (The Hill) – The project is under development by Newark with Gannet Fleming as the selected consultant. A feasibility study is underway to determine whether an easterly alignment should be considered between the bridge and Faye Dr.

Railroad Crossing to Faye Drive Roundabout – This project has been extracted from the Hill as a standalone TID project using the \$4M from the Governor's funding program that was directed to the TID. Letters of interest for consulting services were advertised beginning Friday December 8th with submissions due January 5th. The funds will be used for design, right of way and construction to widen the roadway from 2 lanes at the railroad tracks to a 3-lane section and a roundabout at the Faye Dr intersection. The project will continue north to a terminus point to be determined by the Hill feasibility study mentioned in 1.b. above. Any remaining funds will be used to defray design and right of costs for the Hill project. The project schedule is pasted below:

- January 5, 2024: Lol Submittals Due
- June 14, 2024: Preliminary Engineering Due
- January 3, 2025: Stage 3 Plans Complete
- September 1, 2025: Final Plans Complete and R/W Cleared
- October 2025: Bid Advertisement
- December 2025: Award Date
- March 2026: Begin Construction
- October 30, 2026: Substantial Completion
- December 31, 2026: Project Closeout completed

Railroad to Hallie Ln/Central Parkway – Project Complete

Hallie Lane/ Central PW to Lees Road – Project Complete

City of Heath/Union Township – Lees Rd to Beaver Run Rd (Thornwood Drive South)- Bill met with Heath and obtained supporting information for the TID grant pre-application for the supplemental funding round. The final application was submitted on December 1 for design services in the amount of \$335,000. The Board previously approved increasing matching funds from the TWD corridor fund in the amount of \$99,790, and since the total fee for design is projected to be a total of \$684,500 there would be \$249,710 left to be paid by Heath or some other source. The 1.9 mile long project was given a planning level estimate for construction by ODOT of \$7M. An estimate for right of way costs has not been determined. Although it was originally thought we would be invited to make a presentation, we were recently notified the committee will inform us in January if we won the TID grant, apparently with no plans for presentations.

Thornwood Dr/Beaver Run Rd Intersection Improvement - A preliminary alignment has been developed by ADR Assoc, and further direction from Heath and/or the Port Authority and Heath is needed.

Pike Street Improvements

As previously reported the developer will fund construction of a 700 ft long gap between his project to the east and the TID project to the west. The plan is for the Township to receive the construction

funds and pass them along to the TID and it has agreed to fund any changes to the consulting agreement. Etna plans to pass a resolution committing additional funds for the design and pass them along to the TID. We have recently received a construction cost estimate from Verdantas that will be used in the agreement between the developer and the Township. We have drafted a mod to the IGA with the township.

Newark-Heath Pathway Connector

The Evans Foundation is doing some internal work on the project so further TID involvement is on hold.

Refugee Rd/Mink St Rd Improvements

The project is to be shut down soon for the season with substantial work completed. This week the pavement will be finished up to and including the surface course on the Mink St roundabout, with temporary lighting and permanent thermoplastic striping so that the intersection can be opened this Friday. The base course is to be completed on the mainline Refugee Rd from Mink to 700 ft east of Kissel ditch, with temporary striping scheduled early next so that section should be opened by Friday November 17th. That will leave the Etna Parkway roundabout and the remainder of the Refugee construction for next year. The project is on if not ahead of schedule, and so far has had minimal change orders so it is well within budget.

Critical milestone dates:

Critical milestone dates remaining:

July 1, 2024: Substantial completion of entire project including Etna Parkway Roundabout and the rest of Refugee Rd up to intermediate asphalt course.

December 1, 2024: Final Completion date

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See project status below. Numbers correspond to attached exhibit. Details regarding scope of work for each project can be provided on request.

1. **Mink St/Duncan Plains Rd** – This project would construct a roundabout and replace the pavement to the new Green Chapel Rd roundabout which is 0.3 mi to the south. LOI advertised December 8 with submissions due January 5, 2024.
2. **Licking County Local Roads Duncan Plains, Green Chapel, Clover Rd-** Pavement reconstruction, minor widening and drainage improvements with consideration of complete street treatments. Consultant selected, fee negotiations underway. We are considering performing land surveys for other projects in the TID program of projects under the indirect project management services task contained in this project.
3. **Thornwood Dr Hill** – See Item 1.b. above.
4. **Duncan Plains/County Line** – DCTID project
5. **SR 605/Walnut St-FCTID** project
6. **SR 37/USR 62-** Consideration of short, medium, and long term mitigation measures in downtown Johnstown. We have held 2 scope meetings with the city and will advertise for consulting services LOI no later than January 31, 2023.
7. **SR 37/County Line Rd-** DCTID project
8. **Fancher/County Line Rd-DCTID** project
9. **Beech Rd/Countyline, Fancher and Tippet Rds-** Intersection improvement study with consideration of north-south connection. Waiting to hear if federal funds were received from the \$3.5M application for the FFY 2024 CPF earmark program application. Congressman Balderson's office indicated the repeat of the continuing resolutions contains no new funding for the CPF projects. We intend to advertise for letters of interest no later than Jan 31, 2024 regardless of the status of the federal funds from the CPF application.
10. **Licking County Local Roads County Line and Duncan Plains Rd-** Pavement reconstruction, minor widening, and drainage improvements with consideration of complete street treatments. Preliminary scope meeting held with ODOT since using federal FFY 2023 CPF earmark funds in the amount of \$2M. This project has a later completion date of 2028 where the state funding projects must be completed by 2027. We will plan to advertise for consultant services once preliminary engineering concepts are determined as part of project 2 above.

Clover Valley Rd South- Pavement reconstruction, minor widening, and drainage improvements with consideration of complete street treatments. Preliminary scope meeting held with ODOT since using federal FFY 2023 CPF earmark funds in the amount of \$2M. This project has a later completion date of 2028 where the state funding projects must be completed by 2027.

Other

- Jason and Bill have drafted a fee analysis report and discussed with Board Member Van Buren and others. We will plan to share the findings next month so they can be incorporated in the pending IGA's
- Funded safety projects recently announced by ODOT in Licking County:
SR 37 LICKING Study the possibility of constructing a roundabout at State Route 310.
\$4,920,000
Construction FY29
- SR 310 LICKING Construct a roundabout at SR 310 and Duncan Plains Road.
\$3,525,000
Construction FY29

Board Discussion

Chairman Flowers stated that the Commissioners received a letter from the City of Heath requesting additional funds for the Thornwood Drive Corridor. Chairman Flowers also discussed utilizing the TID website for keeping the public up-to-date on projects. It was determined that there is currently a link on the TID website for the New Albany Silicon Heartland page.

Public Comments

Mark Johns, Mayor City of Heath, commented on the fee structure. Commissioner Bubbs stated that the TID should be collecting operating fees for overhead and any additional expenses.

Next Meeting January 10, 2024 @ 8:30 am

Adjournment

Mr. Walther moved to adjourn. Mr. Knerr seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the meeting adjourned at 9:13 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Christian

Licking County Transportation Improvement District Board Minutes

Approved at a regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Licking County Transportation Improvement District, Licking County, Ohio, on this 10th day of January, 2024.



Presiding Trustee



Jared Knerr, Secretary Treasurer

Motion to Approve: Walther

Seconded by: Van Buren