

**Lucas County
Transportation Improvement District
Regular Meeting Board of Trustees**

Monday, July 21, 2014 @ 1:30 P.M.

At the Lucas County Engineer's Office, 1049 S. McCord Road, Holland, Ohio

Minutes

- A. The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Rich Martinko at 2:12 pm.

Attendance: Keith Earley, Warren Henry, Rich Martinko, and Paul Toth

Absent: Bill Brennan

Others: Jeff Lohse (LCE Office), and Steve Way (DGL Consulting Engineers, LLC)

- B. Minutes from June 11, 2014 meeting - for approval

Motion to approve distributed minutes by Warren Henry, seconded by Keith Earley.

Motion passed by 4-0 voice vote.

- C. Finance Report - for Information

Jeff gave the following report for Mark Drennen in his absence:

A purchase order has been established with HurstKelly. Mark had a phone conversation with Mark Hurst to discuss:

- The projects the LCTID is currently pursuing, the financial commitments, potential grants, etc.
- How the County Engineer is fronting the initial expenses in setting up the LCTID and how it will get reimbursed.
- Establishing a budget and the financial reports.

Mr. Hurst stated if and when the LCTID receives the grants, it would be a good time to meet and get the budgetary and other financial documents initialized including the checking account. Mark Drennen and Mark Hurst will work on getting the finances set up and perhaps have Mr. Hurst attend the next LCTID meeting.

Rich Martinko initiated discussion regarding the status of the Dorr Street Interchange local financial partners. He stated that the University of Toledo has significant financial gain as a result of this project being built. The initial local partners were thought to be the University of Toledo, Lucas County Engineer, Springfield Township, and the City of Toledo each contributing \$1.5 million for the total estimated \$6 million local share. It was anticipated that each of the local shares would be the principle of a SIB loan to be obtained and paid back over 20 years. As of now, the City of Toledo has not committed to the Dorr Street Interchange Project.

The City of Toledo and Springfield Township were working on a JEDD or TIF over the area near the interchange. Approximately 80% of the affected area is within the Township. Proceeds of a JEDD or TIF would be used to pay the respective agency share of the anticipated SIB loan. The last known City of Toledo participation demand

is a firm 50/50 split of revenue. The Township was seeking more of a 70/30 since most of the land is within the Township. The City contends the future occupation of the area will probably come from current Toledo business. Discussion included a compromise of heavier split toward Township until anticipated SIB loan is paid off then a 50/50 split thereafter.

Most TID projects throughout the state use TIF to finance the improvements and have developers ready to go into area near improvement. Keith stated that he has had discussions through legal counsel Rusty Schuermann with Andrew Brossart a Fifth Third Securities director who had been the finance director with the Butler County TID. He is extremely well versed with TIF's. Keith is trying to establish a meeting with Brossart and the Township to thoroughly review the TIF process including estimates of what type of economic development would need to be built and its associated revenue.

The Township may consider a TIF with the Village of Holland as a plan B. Also under discussion as a plan B is each of the remaining local partners increasing their shares by \$500,000. Keith Earley indicated the County Engineer would probably need the Board of Lucas County Commissioners (BLCC) participation for that. Keith has had discussions with the BLCC regarding their participation for the \$500,000. The BLCC indicated they felt Toledo needs to come to the table, and to that, Carol Contrada has since had a discussion with Mayor Collins regarding this project.

Need to resolve issue over the next month prior to the September 10th TRAC presentation.

D. ODOT Jobs & Commerce TID grant applications:

Jeff Lohse stated that he had received correspondence from Glenda Bumgarner Deputy Director of ODOT Jobs and Commerce indicating LCTID was approved for FY 2015 funds (\$150,000 each) for Interchange Justification Study (IJS) should TRAC approve the Tier 2 project request for:

- US 20A application
- Dorr Street application

There were 35 applications for this funding round. Mike Gramza of ODOT #2 had stated an IJS would cost \$75,000 to \$150,000 each to complete. If the interchanges are announced by TRAC on the draft approval list, the LCTID would proceed to hire a consultant on the ODOT task order list to perform an IJS, in hope that the IJS would be completed prior to initiation of the PE by ODOT to help move the project along. These are reimbursement grants. The funds need to be expended by May 31st 2015, or extension filed by May 1st of 2015. A pdf copy of the respective agreements were forwarded to Rusty Schuermann who stated the agreements looked OK. Signed agreements by the LCTID are due back to Office of Jobs and Commerce by July 31st, 2014.

Warren Henry stated that the ODOT #2 request for I-475 widening and interchanges traffic model projections have been completed by TMACOG.

A motion to approve Resolution 2014-07 to accept the grant awards and for the LCTID to enter into a Jobs and Commerce Economic Development Agreement was made by Paul Toth, second by Warren Henry. Motion passed by 4-0 voice vote.

E. CEDS - for Information

Comprehensive Economic Development Strategies. Keith Earley completed forms for each of the interchange projects per Bill Brennan request and assistance. This would be part of the regions plan of action for economic development. US Economic Development Administration (EDA) funding may be available for these projects if the projects open up new economic development, not the transfer of jobs within the area.

F. Dorr Street Interchange local funding shortfall – for discussion

Discussed previously under the finance report part of the agenda.

G. Other Business

- Discussed the non-voting LCTID members. State Representative Barbara Sears has indicated her desire to serve on the LCTID. Also State Senator Edna Brown has indicated her desire to serve. The LCTID would like Rusty to follow up with the Speaker of the Ohio House and President of the Ohio Senate to confirm these appointments.
- Discussed whether other non-voting members or a standing invitation for meeting attendance for the City of Toledo as largest entity would be appropriate.
- With the change of the President at the University of Toledo, a meeting was suggested to inform the new President of the Dorr Street Interchange Project and its status. A meeting is scheduled for July 28th 9am with the President and Rich Martinko, Warren Henry, Keith Earley, Leslie Kohi, and Carol Contrada.

H. Public Comment ~ none

I. Next Meeting ~ August 18, 2014 @ 1:30pm at the Lucas County Engineer's Office, 1049 S. McCord Road, Building A Conference Room, Holland OH 43528

J. Adjournment @ 3:16 pm.