

To:BCTID Board of TrusteesFrom:Dan Corey, DirectorDate:October 4, 2022Re:Director's Report for October 2022 Board Meeting Packet

Below are the Project and Property updates. New information is shown in **bold**.

1. <u>129/Cox Road/Liberty Way</u>

Sunesis Construction Company was awarded the construction contract in the amount of \$23,916,510.88.

2. Millikin – I-75 Interchange

Public Involvement – The Preferred Alternative is the Diverging Diamond Interchange (DDI). Comments will continue to be welcomed throughout the process.

Environmental Engineering – The Alternative Evaluation Report (AER) has been reviewed by ODOT with minor comments and resubmitted for final approval. A fee proposal was developed by the consultant for Detail Design (taking the project to final Construction Documents as well as R/W Plans) and is being asked to be approved as part of the Board's Agenda. The Interchange Justification Study was approved by ODOT and FHWA.

Partnership Meeting – Liberty Township, Butler County and the BCTID are discussing the local funding plan options that will need to be secured prior to applying for State and Federal Funds. This plan will ultimately be agreed to in the form of a three-party Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA).

Funding - TRAC Board awarded Millikin Interchange \$1.0M for FY23, which allows the project to be advanced through CY23. The OKI STBG Application for Cin-Day/Millikin Roundabout was unsuccessful.

Developer Meetings – Liberty Township has been meeting with several developers to discuss their interest in developing the Millikin TIF district area that will generate the Construction Local Match dollars.

Access Management – Multiple meetings were held with the Butler County Engineer's Office, Liberty Township, Warren County Engineer's Office, and ODOT to discuss access management of the local roadways and the limited access right-of-way limits around the interchange.

3. North Hamilton Crossing (NHX)

Preliminary Engineering – The 4th Stakeholder Meeting was held on October 4th where two (2) conceptual alternatives were recommended by the Project Team to advance out of the Feasibility Study and into the Alternative Evaluation Review phase of the Plan Development Process (PDP). The Project Team is currently preparing a DRAFT Feasibility Study. There is a Public Involvement meeting anticipated for January of 2023.

Funding - TRAC awarded NHX \$0.5M for FY22 and \$1.5M for FY23. For the U.S. Department of Transportation application – Rebuilding American Infrastructure Sustainability Equity (RAISE) for 2022 receive a "Highly Rated" designation from the Senior Review Team, however, no funds were awarded. An application is being submitted for the Federal Rail Administration's funding program called Railroad Crossing Elimination (RCE). The applications are due October 11 and the funding request Is \$1,250,000.

4. Properties

City of Hamilton – The R/W for SR 129 is still being held in the name of the BCTID. The City of Hamilton reached out to BCTID asking about the stairs along SR 129 between Garfield Middle School and Butler County Board of Elections. More recently the City of Hamilton has reached out to us asking that the BCTID properties along High Street (SR 129) between S Erie Boulevard and N Fair Avenue be transferred to the City of Hamilton. BCTID and the City of Hamilton are in discussions to transfer these properties.

Park and Ride Property – An offer to purchase the property has been presented and will be discussed at the Board's New Business.

Next scheduled Board Meeting is November 14th, 2022