



To: BCTID Board of Trustees  
From: Dan Corey, Director  
Date: April 6, 2023  
Re: Director's Report for April 2023 Board Meeting Packet

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Below are the Projects, Properties, and Operation updates. New information is shown in **bold**.

### 1. Millikin – I-75 Interchange

**Geometrics and Final Design** – B&N submitted Geometrics for the roundabouts at Millikin/Cin-Day and Millikin/Butler-Warren to BCEO and WCEO on 2/21/23. A Teams Meeting with ODOT Central Office and District 8 to go over the Interchange Geometrics was held on 3/2/23. **The Interchange Geometrics was submitted to ODOT on 3/7/23. ODOT's review is expected to be completed during the week of 4/10/23. Interchange Justification Study (IJS) Addendum received FHWA concurrence on 3/23/23.**

R/W Phase – The R/W Phase is anticipated commencing in late summer 2023 if funding can be secured.

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).

### 2. North Hamilton Crossing (NHX)

Preliminary Engineering – A public involvement meeting was held on January 23<sup>rd</sup>, and the public comment period ended on March 12<sup>th</sup>. The Project Team felt that the public involvement effort was successful with 300+ participating in the in-person meeting and 880 participating in the virtual public meeting website. The website itself had 9,100 views. We had lots of public response with 35 comment from the in-person meeting and 11,176 online responses that included 611 comments/questions/suggestions. **A disposition is being developed for comments provided through the public involvement period. DRAFT Feasibility Study is being prepared to be submitted to ODOT in the next**

**two (2) weeks. It is anticipated that the project will be ready to move into the Alternative Evaluation Review phase in June/July.**

Funding -. For the U.S. Department of Transportation application – Rebuilding American Infrastructure Sustainability Equity (RAISE) for 2023 was submitted on 2/27/23. The RAISE application for 2022 receive a “Highly Rated” designation from the Senior Review Team, however, no funds were awarded. An application was submitted in October for the Federal Rail Administration’s funding program called Railroad Crossing Elimination (RCE). The funding request was \$1,250,000. An application with the same type of request was submitted to Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements (CRISI) in December.

### **3. Properties**

City of Hamilton – The R/W for SR 129 is still being held in the name of the BCTID. BCTID is working on developing the documents necessary to transfer the properties and the City of Hamilton are in anticipating using quitclaim deeds to transfer the properties.

**Right-of-Way – The BCTID owns R/W throughout Butler County that needs to be transferred to the owner of the facilities that is within the R/W. At the March 13 Board Meeting the Board asked that the magnitude of the matter be presented to the Board. Attached is a listing of all properties owned by the BCTID in Butler County. The highlighted properties are the ones that are going to be transferred to the City of Hamilton.**

Park and Ride Property – The potential buyer is going through the due diligence period with a rezoning process. It has been discovered during the due diligence period that the property does not have access to public sewers. An acquisition of a private sewer easement to resolve this matter will be presented to the Board for their consideration. **A written offer and easement for was presented to the Grantor for the necessary sewer easement. The Grantor asked that the verbal offer be put in writing. Discussions are ongoing.**

### **4. Operations**

**Operations Budget – Attached is the Fund Summary for March and the Payment Listing, and Receipt Listing for the months of February and March.**

**Transportation Budget** - HB 23 (the Transportation budget) made its way through the committee of conference & passed by the House (93-2) and the Senate (30-1). Then on March 31, 2023 the Governor signed the Transportation Budget. The law will take effect 90 days from March 31.

Within HB 23 was three (3) TID amendments, which included the Butler County TID request (removing six words from ORC 5540.02(F)). The only other change to ORC 5540 came from the Senate, who removed the Senate President's ability to appoint State Senators as non-voting members of TID's. Should State Representatives wish to be appointed, they still can be through the Speaker of the House.

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**Next scheduled Board Meeting is May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023**