

Butler County Transportation Improvement District
Board of Trustees Meeting
April 10th, 2023, at 8:30 A.M.

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

A Regular Board Meeting of the Butler County Transportation Improvement District (BCTID) Board of Trustees was called to order by Chairperson, Don Hassler, at 8:30 a.m., on Monday, April 10th, 2023, at the Butler County Engineer's Office, Large Multi-purpose Room, 1921 Fairgrove Avenue, Hamilton, Ohio 45011 and roll call was taken.

Attendees Board Members:

Don Hasler, Chairperson
Michael Dreisbach, Vice-Chairperson
Greg Wilkens, Secretary-Treasurer
Larry Burks
Bruce Jones
Laurie Kile
Jesse Lightle
Ben Mann
Joe McAbee
Eric Pohlman

Attendees Non-Voting Board Members:

Dan Corey, Director
Bob Koehler

Absent Board Members:

Greg Martin
Cindy Wallace

Other Guests:

Rusty Schuermann, BCTID Legal
Keith Smith, ODOT – District 8
Allen Messer, City of Hamilton
Ann Rahall, TEC Engineering
Arun Hindupur, West Chester Township
Ben Stollar, O.R. Colan
Dan Hoying, LJB, Inc.
Greg Wollenhaupt, DZL
Jay Hamilton, Mead Hunt
Jeff Wallace, CT Consultant
Jon Brunot, Burgess & Niple
Lindsey Kieres, Goodhue Consulting
Molly Kueffner, Geotechnology
Nicole McPherson, The Kleingers Group
Rob Hans, Michael Baker International
Shawn Mason, American Structurepoint
Steve Shadix, Stantec
Troy Miller, Metro

3. Approval of Minutes:

Motion made by Mr. Larry Burks and seconded by Mr. Bruce Jones to approve the minutes of the March 13th, 2023 Regular Board Meeting of the Butler County Transportation Improvement District as submitted. By voice vote the motion carried unanimously with all Board Members present each voting yes.

4. Chair's Report – No report.

5. Director's Report

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 23rd, and the public comment period ended on March 12th. 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 comments 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.

A letter was submitted expressing the Fairfield Township Board of Trustees current position relating to North Hamilton Crossing project which was briefly discussed by Mr. MacAbee with the Board.

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.

5. New Business – No New Business

6. Committee Reports

- a. Operations and Governance Committee – No report
- b. Finance – No report

7. Public Comments

No one from the public had a public comment.

8. Adjournment

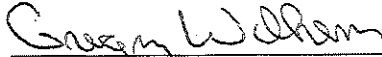
Motion made by Mr. Larry Burks and seconded by Mr. Michael Dreisbach to adjourn the Regular Board Meeting of the Butler County Transportation Improvement District Board of Trustees, upon the call of the vote, carried with all members present voting aye thereon. Meeting adjourned at 9:20 a.m.

Approved at a regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Butler County Transportation Improvement District, Warren County, Ohio, this May 8, 2023.



Presiding Trustee
Butler County Transportation Improvement District

Attest:



Secretary-Treasurer, Greg Wilkens
Butler County Transportation Improvement District

Motion to approve: Mr. Joe MaHbee

Seconded by: Mr. Larry Burks



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March 30, 2023

The Fairfield Township Trustees of Butler County wish to publicly express our concern over the proposed route of the North Hamilton Crossing (NHX) project through the Bonham Farmland.

We agree an additional route is necessary to alleviate the traffic congestion on High Street in Hamilton. We are grateful to be included as stakeholders in this project. We are aware of the limitations the NHX is facing trying to navigate its way from the west side of Hamilton to State Route 129.

We also firmly believe in the rights of property owners, and our citizens, to have their voices heard when being affected by the proposed route.

The Bonham family has owned and operated their farm in Fairfield Township since the 1940's. In an age when farmland is being turned into development, the Bonhams want to continue to provide needed agriculture to our region. Four generations of Bonhams have worked their land, and they wish to have many more generations of their family continue this tradition.

On February 14th, 2023, during our regular trustee meeting, the board unanimously passed a motion to formally state our support to the Bonham family and their efforts to protect their farmland. We are committed to protecting their property rights. We also hope all parties can reach a mutually beneficial resolution to keep this project moving forward.

Therefore, we trustees wish to publicly express that our support for the NHX project traversing the Bonham farmland is dependent on the Bonham family being completely satisfied with a mutually beneficial agreement allowing the project to move through their land. Only after the said agreement is signed, will we trustees be fully onboard with the NHX project spanning the Bonham farmland.

We look forward to working collaboratively to find a reasonable and workable resolution.

Michael Berding – Chairperson

Shannon Hartkemeyer – Vice Chair

Joe McAbee – Trustee

CC: Dan Corey, TID Board
Joshua Smith, Hamilton City Manager
Greg Wilkins, BCEO