



Meeting Minutes for June 19, 2008

The TRAC Working Session was called to order by Director Beasley at 10:05 a.m. in ODOT Conference Room GA in Columbus, Ohio. Attending: William Brennan, Robert Clarke Brown, Bill Dingus, Chip Gerhardt, Tom Studevart, Pat Ungaro, and Director Beasley. Not attending: Bryan Bucklew, and William Gardner.

Minutes from the April 17, 2008 TRAC meeting were approved.

Director Beasley provided an update on several items of interest to the TRAC:

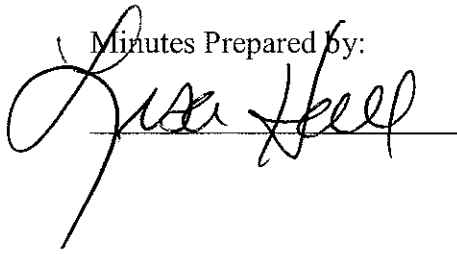
- 21st Century Transportation Priorities Task Force – the majority of the outreach meetings have been held and were very well attended. Many comments and suggestions have been received and the Task Force will release its recommendations in late fall.
- Ohio Economic Stimulus Package Legislation – Governor Strickland signed the bill making more than \$400 million available for local transportation projects to help stimulate the economy.
- Highway Trust Fund Shortfall – If Congress does not address the projected shortfall in the Highway Trust Fund, Ohio could lose up to \$350 million in federal highway dollars. The Director asked TRAC members to contact our congressional delegation urging them to fix the problem.
- Budget Corrections Bill – The General Assembly has passed the bill and it is awaiting the Governor's signature. The legislation contains an amendment which allows the TRAC to continue project development activities on projects in Tier II.

Tim McDonald, Deputy Director of the Division of Production Management, provided a report on the TRAC's construction program. In FY2008, which ends June 30, 2008, twenty-one projects were sold totaling \$457 million. The projects came in \$90 million under budget. ODOT is projecting to sell 30 TRAC projects totaling \$810 million in FY2009. ODOT's total construction program for FY2008 is \$1.5 billion and is projected to be \$1.7 billion in FY2009.

Carla Cefaratti, ODOT Deputy Director of the Division of Local Programs, lead a general discussion on the TRAC policies and procedures. TRAC focused the discussion on if these policies and procedures needed to be changed or continue with the same process. A survey about the TRAC Policies and Procedures was sent out to Metropolitan Planning Organizations, Transportation Improvement Districts, County Engineers, County Commissioners, Regional Transit Authorities, Port Authorities, the Municipal League, and other stakeholders. More discussion will occur in future TRAC meetings.

Having no further business, Director Beasley adjourned the meeting at 11:55 a.m.

Minutes Prepared by:



Chairman:

