

The TRAC Working Session was called to order by Director Molitoris at 10:12 a.m. in ODOT Conference Room GA in Columbus, Ohio. Attending: William Brennan, Robert Clarke Brown, Bill Dingus, William Gardner, Antoinette Selvey-Maddox, Pat Ungaro, and Director Molitoris. Not attending: Scott Borgemenke

Minutes from the August 27, 2009, TRAC meeting were approved as written.

Director Molitoris provided an update on items of interest and new business to the TRAC:

### **Stimulus Update:**

As of the beginning of October, ODOT and its local transportation partners have awarded construction contracts on 140 stimulus-funded projects, worth more than \$418.8 million. Next week, we break ground on two of the newest stimulus projects to get underway:

#### **1. I-77 Dover Interchange in Tuscarawas County:**

- \$11.2 million interchange – including \$2.1 million in ARRA funds
- Relieve congestion at the existing, adjacent interchanges
- Promote future economic development in the area
- Beaver Excavating Company (Canton) estimates during peak operations to have 30 workers onsite

#### **2. US 33 Nelsonville Bypass in Athens County:**

- ODOT's largest single investment of stimulus funds
- \$137.4 million new construction of four-lane highway
- Kokosing Construction and Beaver Excavating
- Project to create/retain 305 direct construction jobs
- Beaver Excavating told our district team that without this project, their 75 jobs would have been lost, so those are truly jobs saved in an economically struggling region of our state
- Federal Highway Administrator Victor Mendez to attend

Since September 15, ODOT has applied for more than \$1 billion in additional stimulus funding for Ohio.

### **TIGER Grants:**

ODOT and ORDC submitted nine TIGER Discretionary Grant project applications seeking a total of \$587.9 million in stimulus funding.

US DOT: Targeting projects that have significant impact on the nation, a metropolitan area, or a region.

We selected projects based on their ability to give Ohio's travelers and shippers more opportunities, and further transform Ohio into a premier national and global logistics and transportation location. These investments will also leverage nearly \$1.2 billion in additional state, local and private sector funding.

Some Projects the TRAC will recognize:

- **Columbus Interstate 70/71 Modernization Project:** request of \$90 million to accelerate the first phase of this project.
- **CSX National Gateway Project:** multi-state application requests a total of \$258 million to complete 61 double-stacked rail clearance projects. Ohio committed to invest \$30 million in state and stimulus funding for this true public-private partnership.
- **Interstate 71 Jeremiah Morrow Bridge:** investment of \$55 million in TIGER Grant funding would leverage a matching \$55 million in funding from ODOT.
- **Interstate 75 West Carrollton Interchange:** modernizing outdated interchange along I-75 near Dayton to ignite redevelopment in the West Carrollton, Moraine, Kettering and Miamisburg areas, and play a vital role in redeveloping the former General Motors Moraine Assembly plant. The request for \$22 million in TIGER Grant funds will be used to augment \$6 million in state and local investments.

### **3C Quick Start Passenger Rail:**

On October 2, ODOT and ORDC submitted a strong application for the 3C “Quick Start” Passenger Rail service. One of the strongest applications in the country for a share of the \$8 billion in federal High-Speed Passenger Rail stimulus funding.

Five key factors that make our application a winning application:

1. Unprecedented public support and partnerships
2. 3C “Quick Start” plan is a Complete Package (Connecting Cleveland, Columbus, Cincinnati and Dayton)
3. Ohio’s plan is fiscally smart, financially strong. \$564 million in 100% stimulus funds
4. Landmark support from other Midwest states.
5. “Quick Start” results – jobs, service, change, culture

### **New TRAC Applications:**

Today we look toward Ohio’s longer-range transportation future, with the proposals from local communities for major New Construction investments.

At our last meeting, we commented that we were beginning a “new era of TRAC.” We began looking at applications more holistically, as part of a transportation system development, not project by project.

Today, you will have your first look at the 105 transportation projects submitted to the TRAC for new continued study under our Tier 2 efforts. These 105 projects seek a total of nearly \$2 billion in planning and design dollars, demonstrating the great need and opportunity for transportation investment in our state. A majority of these projects will be familiar to the TRAC, since they were already on our TIER 2 list. But 38 projects are new and 6 of them are what we might have called “non-traditional” projects in the past.

In just a moment, Chief of Staff Campbell will talk about the applications and our next steps. But I remind you of the new mission we set out for ourselves in the past several meetings. As a body, we recognize that Ohio has tremendous transportation assets, but they must be fully developed and effectively uses. They must be integrated into one system and give our citizens and our businesses greener and safer choices.

## NEW BUSINESS

### *TRAC Amendments*

Chief of Staff Campbell discussed Amendments to the TRAC Policy dated December 18, 2008.

#### **Amendment 1:**

TRAC policy dated 12/18/08 on Page 7

#### **Being a Reliable Partner with Local Communities, Promoting Fiscal Responsibility and Maximizing Public Investment**

Changes are in red.

#### **Amendment 2:**

TRAC policy dated 12/18/08 on Page 25

#### **Arranging Projects in Tiers**

Changes are in red.

These amendments will be voted on at the December 10 meeting.

Both of these Amendments are posted on the TRAC website at:

<http://www.dot.state.oh.us/trac/Pages/Default.aspx>

### *ARRA Updates*

Chief of Staff Campbell also passed out and discussed the following materials:

- Daily log on ARRA projects
- Press release with more detail on the 9 TIGER Projects we submitted
- Release from the US DOT on the TIGER Grant Applications
- Breakdown on the size of projects
- Press release on 3C Rail application highlights
- Calendar for the rest of this year
- Breakdown of TRAC applications
- Schedule and location of meetings
- Presentation guide
- TRAC Notebook with CD that includes all TRAC Applications

### *TRAC Scoring*

Mandy Kisling Bishop, Deputy Director of Transportation System Development presented the TRAC Traffic Scoring Factor Summary. Some of the highlights she discussed were:

- Three Evaluation Factors: (Road; Public Transit and Intercity Passenger Rail; Intermodal Freight: water port and rail)
  - Road Traffic Factors: (V/C ratio; Crash Factors; Truck Percentage)
  - Public Transit & Intercity Passenger Rail Factors: (Peak hour ridership; VMT reduction)
  - Intermodal Freight Factors: (Intermodal freight congestion; truck reduction)

**TRAC Hearing Schedule**

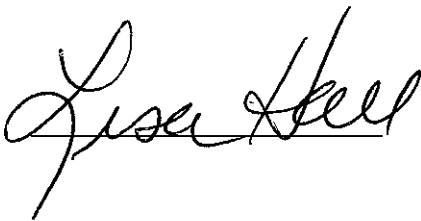
District	Date	Location	# of Projects
Districts 1 & 2 (North West Ohio)	October 15	ODOT District 2 Office 317 E. Poe Road Bowling Green, OH 43402	13
Districts 3, 4, 11 & 12 (North East Ohio)	October 22	Akron Public Library 60 South High Street Akron, OH 44326	33
Districts 7 & 8 (South West Ohio)	November 5	Miami University Middletown 4200 E. University Blvd. Middletown, OH 45042-3497	29
Districts 5, 6, 9, & 10 (Central Ohio)	November 12	ODOT Auditorium 1980 W. Broad Street Columbus, OH 43223	29

Director Molitoris discussed an item for future new business; Public Private Investments which could be an opportunity to attract investments into transportation from the private sector. We will add this item to the agenda for a future TRAC meeting to include:

- Presentation on the different kinds of Public Private Investments;
- places where they are used;
- success rates;
- lessons learned; and
- strategies for Ohio.

Director Molitoris asked if there was any additional old or new business. There was none. As such, the director motioned to adjourn the meeting at 11:36 a.m. The motion was seconded.

Minutes Prepared by:



Chair:

