

The TRAC Working Session was called to order by Director Beasley at 10:08 a.m. in ODOT Conference Room GA in Columbus, Ohio. Attending: William Brennan, Robert Clarke Brown, Bill Dings, William Gardner, Antoinette Selvey-Maddox, Pat Ungaro, and Director Beasley. Not attending: Scott Borgemenke, Tom Studevant.

Minutes from the September 25, 2008 TRAC meeting were approved.

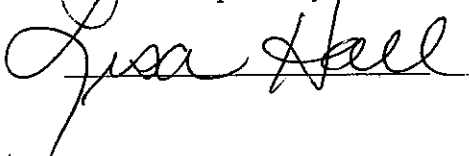
Director Beasley provided an update on several items of interest to the TRAC:

- AASHTO Meeting in Connecticut – In reviewing the AASHTO platform for the next year, they are recommending a \$.10 federal gas tax increase and a \$.13 diesel gas tax increase. According to the ODOT Business Plan, this increase would not be sufficient. The increase would need to be at least \$.133 to bring the ODOT budget into balance by 2015. ODOT made a motion to increase the federal gas tax to \$.15, which failed because it did not get a second. AASHTO will be recommending the \$.10 and .13 increases respectively.
- Values of the New ODOT Administration – ODOT's goal is to be truth tellers and have high ethical standards. Several Inspector General reports have come out since the new administration came in. ODOT is trying to improve every day and instill public confidence in being public servants, managing the public's money, and doing the right thing.
- Alternate Bids on Pavement Types – ODOT will continue to pursue alternate bids on pavement types where it makes sense. Although ODOT cannot always provide dual sets of plans due to time constraints, ODOT is making any accommodations it can to bid both concrete and asphalt pavements to benefit projects.
- Stimulus Package update (Steve Campbell) – There is talk that after the election but before the beginning of next year that another larger stimulus package will come forward. We are preparing (for our Washington office) a list of projects that will be ready to go to construction, ODOT will also use this as an opportunity to submit for design and planning work so the program will continue to move forward. ODOT will also use this as an opportunity to pursue all modes of transportation (inter-city rail, and Amtrak).

Howard Wood, ODOT Deputy Director of Planning presented an overview of the Draft TRAC Project Selection Criteria to align project selection criteria to 2008-2009 Business Plan priorities. The draft criteria will be sent out for public comment then the TRAC will vote on it at the November 20, 2008 TRAC meeting.

Having no further business, Director Beasley adjourned the meeting at 11:14 a.m.

Minutes Prepared by:



Chairman:

