

The TRAC Public Hearing was called to order by Director Molitoris at 10:15 a.m. in ODOT Conference Room GA, Columbus, Ohio. Attending: William Brennan, Robert Clarke Brown, Patrick Darrow, Bill Dings, Raymond DiRossi, Matt Elli, Antoinette Selvey Maddox, Pat Ungaro, and Director Jolene Molitoris.

The Director acknowledged former TRAC member, William Gardner, for his years of service on the committee. TRAC Members shared their personal thoughts of how they appreciated his vast knowledge of transportation.

Director Molitoris noted that this meeting would be her last TRAC meeting as Chairperson, along with Steve Campbell and Keith Swearingen. She formally thanked the TRAC members, Steve Campbell, and Keith Swearingen, and Systems Planning staff for all their hard work, diligence, and service under her leadership over the past two years.

The next order of business was to approve the TRAC minutes from the previous TRAC working sessions: November 8 (Columbus), November 19 (Columbus), and December 3 (Columbus). The TRAC members had reviewed them and made no changes. All members approved them by a vote.

NEW BUSINESS:

- TRAC members were asked to vote on two projects from District 06 on the TRAC List which were being modified: PID 87779-FRA US 23 (change in schedule only, no funding revisions); PID 77370 and 77371 – I70/I71 FRA Reconstruction (formal approval for an additional \$14.5M). Tom Slack, ODOT's District 06 Planning Administrator, presented background on these two projects. The members voted on each of the two projects and unanimously agreed to the changes required.
- 2011 TRAC Draft List: Steve Campbell summarized the TRAC's work over the past four years (FY 2008-2011). He shared an ODOT Financial presentation showing estimated revenues, savings and expenditures in the upcoming years, as well as projections of TRAC over-programming. He discussed how the new TRAC policy requires a two-thirds vote of members for a TRAC list that is over-programmed by twenty percent. TRAC members were given the 2011-2015 DRAFT Major New Construction Program List.
- A motion was raised to open the floor for discussion or comment prior to vote to clarify any projects. Mr. Dings wanted to voice support for the two railroad grade separation projects (Wellington & McCord Road), along with the Chesapeake Bypass project. He asked for specific language to be included in the TRAC minutes that any savings from right of way purchases be positioned for construction of the Chesapeake Bypass. He shared that the community is planning to form a TID and take other measures to raise funds to help with construction and affirmed the community's support and willingness to defray or cut costs where possible as a good faith effort for the project.
- Raymond DiRossi entered a motion to amend the TRAC list to remove D12 Project, PID 85207 Warrensville/Van Aken Intersection and Transit Center. He noted his concerns with the transit portion of the project and asked that the project be removed. A vote was taken at his request to remove the project from the list.

Those voting Not to Remove Warrensville/Van Aken from the TRAC list: William Brennan, Robert Clarke Brown, Patrick Darrow, Bill Dingus, Matt Elli, Antoinette Selvey Maddox, Pat Ungaro, and Director Jolene Molitoris. Those voting To Remove Warrensville/Van Aken from the TRAC list: Raymond DiRossi. Majority 8 of 9 members voted to keep this project on the TRAC list, so it will remain.

- TRAC members voted on the entire 2011 Draft list and all nine members voted YES, to accept the Draft list as presented with no omissions. The vote met the TRAC requirements for over-programming. Beginning Monday, December 13th, the public comment period will begin for the Draft 2011-2015 Major New list. The TRAC will vote on the Final 2011 list in March, 2011.
- Fast TRAC – PID 86916 MRW-71-12.19: A vote was taken to advance this project to Fast TRAC so the project could be advanced in FY 2011 as a design build project. The vote was unanimous with all nine members voting YES to move this project to Fast TRAC.

Staff provided an updated TRAC Policies and Procedures booklet that incorporated amendments adopted last January and distributed a Draft 2011-2012 TRAC Calendar.

As requested by the TRAC during the December 3, 2010 meeting, Eric Neff, Office of Multi Modal Planning presented a status update of the I-70 Truck Only Lane Study. TRAC members asked questions and gave opinions on the study, including adding more details for benefits section and other alternatives to the designated truck lane, due to high costs involved in building it. TRAC members asked for an electronic copy of the presentation from the feasibility study. Eric Neff will provide that item to the members.

The Director opened up the floor for guests in the audience to speak on any of the projects. Chris Eilerman from the City of Cincinnati came to the podium to express support for the two Cincinnati Streetcar projects from District 8.

Greg Murphy introduced himself as the incoming Administration's ODOT Chief of Staff who will begin January 2011, and gave ODOT Director-select Wray's appreciation to TRAC members and current ODOT management.

Thea Walsh, from the Ohio Department of Development, came to thank ODOT for their partnership with them and how much they have accomplished during this collaboration. Thea expressed ODOT's willingness to partner on future issues as well with new staff and administration.

Mr. Dingus made a motion for a resolution of commemoration to Director Molitoris for her service to ODOT and to the TRAC. Vice Chair Antoinette Selvey Maddox seconded. Director Molitoris abstained. A vote was called on the resolution and 8 of 8 voting members agreed on the commemoration for the Director. A copy of this resolution is attached.

Director Molitoris thanked everyone again. There was no other business to discuss. As such, the motion to adjourn the meeting was raised and seconded and the meeting adjourned at 11:59 a.m.

Minutes Prepared by:
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Chair:


Jolene M. Molitoris, ODOT Director