

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: Scott Borgemenke, Robert Clarke Brown, Bill Dingus, William Gardner, Antoinette Selvey-Maddox, Tom Studevart, Pat Ungaro, and Director Beasley. Not attending: William Brennan.

Minutes from the October 23, 2008 TRAC meeting were approved.

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

- Improving finances at ODOT – According to the Business Plan ODOT had projected a \$114M deficit in FY 2008. In being fiscally conservative ODOT ended up saving \$125M for FY 2009. Some of the ways ODOT did so was holding staffing down in Districts which ran at 95 percent and Central Office ran at 88 to 89 percent. Pursued a better change order process. Reduced emergency projects from 660 emergencies from previous three years to 8 emergencies last year and even fewer this year. This alone saved over \$40M. ODOT will continue to strive to be as efficient as possible.
- Safety – In the first six months of this year safety has significantly improved on the highway systems. Fatalities have been reduced by 28, injuries by 3,600 and accidents by 5,300. ODOT will continue to work to improve safety.
- Salt Issue – Snow and Ice controls are in place around the state. There has been difficulty in getting salt bids in the counties. ODOT has enough capacity in storage and will be able to fulfill the needs for this season. Committed to counties and cities to help with their gap. Did a survey and the need is about 70,000 tons of salt. Looked at our usage and we should be able to supply those in need.

Staff made a presentation on the new TRAC Scoring Criteria and reviewed a summary of the public comments received to-date.

Presentation of additional public comments on the new TRAC Scoring Criteria:

Rex Dickey – District 7

Bonnie Teeuwen – District 12

Art Arnold - Ohio Rail Association (support letter read to TRAC)

Don Mader – ACEC

Sandra Maple - OARC

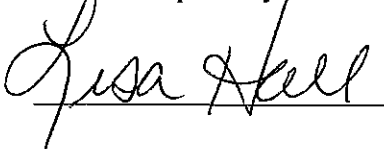
TRAC Members and Staff will review the comments for the next two weeks then reconvene on December 4, 2008 to review the draft, then vote on the final new TRAC Scoring Criteria at the December 18, 2008 TRAC meeting.

Old Business – None

New Business – Additional meeting scheduled December 4, 2008 to review the final draft of the new TRAC Scoring Criteria.

Having no further business, Director Beasley adjourned the meeting at 11:00 a.m.

Minutes Prepared by:



Chairman:

