

The TRAC Meeting was called to order by Director Wray at 10:25 a.m. in ODOT Conference Room 1C, Columbus, Ohio. Attending: William Brennan, Robert Clarke Brown, Patrick Darrow, William Dingus, Raymond DiRossi, Antoinette Selvey Maddox, Pat Ungaro, and Director Wray.

Director Wray talked about the budget process for FY12 and FY13. Total budget is approximately \$5.6B (\$2.8B per fiscal year). This will allow ODOT to have \$1.5B construction program, which will concentrate on the maintenance and preservation of the current system. ODOT is putting effort, time and resources into reviewing pavement conditions and bring pavements up to a certain minimum level. We are going to emphasize projects with economic development. How we measure economic development will need to be coordinated with the Ohio Department of Development.

ODOT is are looking at tools to allow us to be creative with project delivery. Public and private partnerships allow you to bring private money and private risk into the picture. There are 29 other states which have public/private legislation written in their transportation budget and there have been many projects around the county for ODOT to model. We're trying to answer all the questions and I believe we'll end up with some language that will allow us to do public/private partnerships.

We have some issues at the Federal level. We have a two week continuing resolution until March 18, 2011. The Department travelled to Washington DC for the AASHTO conference and heard Chairman Micah and others present. His goal is to get a continuing resolution that will last through the fiscal year and take us through September, 2011. This will essentially give us the same funding for another six months until we hopefully have a new federal bill. We have asked and suggested (in addition to a request from Congressman Stivers) to see a 90/10 Federal/State match in the new Transportation Bill. If everything remains as is, in about 2016 or 2017, we would have a hard time meeting the federal match. If the split is changed (and there's talk about 70/30 match), we couldn't match our funds next year and we would be turning away federal money next year. The other thing that appears to be is, for the first time in history, we may have a smaller Federal Bill than we had last time. For the first time ever, we would have less Federal money than we've had in the past. If this happens, it would be easier for us to match but our programs would be severely limited and we would be in a maintenance and preservation type of situation only.

We have decided to plow forward with the Transportation Review and Advisory Council. We are going to try to improve the scoring criteria, look at how to balance the program and get the right priorities so whether the funds are available or not, we can know where we would like to go.

We have a new appointee to the TRAC. His name is Jack Marchbanks. He will be a member of the TRAC and he will be here at the next meeting

Department goals – It's the Department of Transportation's goal to have a \$1.5B annual construction program at least this fiscal year and in the near future. That way the people of Ohio are getting a return on their investment. You hear a lot of people talking about saving taxpayer dollars. We don't save taxpayer dollars – we hopefully redirect them and use them in order to give taxpayers the best possible value and the best return on investment.

TRAC New Business:

Jennifer Townley discussed the TRAC Action Item Summary handout. Jennifer explained the schedule for the next several meetings and identified the end goal of seeking TRAC approval of the 2011-2015 Draft Major New Program List in addition to possible revisions of the TRAC Scoring Policy.

The TRAC reviewed the new funding commitment summary approved on December 9, 2010 for the 2011-2015 Draft Major New Program List.

The TRAC also discussed the following items:

- The status of several project issues per the summary provided to the TRAC at the February 23, 2011 TRAC Meeting.
- Comments regarding project recommendations for the 2011-2015 Draft Major New Program List
- Staff recommendations for TRAC Policy and Scoring revisions specific to Transportation Factors and Local Investment

The TRAC was asked to review the project information and advance comments at the March 23, 2011 Working Session to finalize recommendations for the 2011-2015 Major New Program List.

Staff reviewed with the TRAC the current calendar regarding the following action items:

- April 12, 2011:
 - TRAC approval for the 2011-2015 Major New Program
 - TRAC approval to advance the draft TRAC Policy and Procedures revision for the 30 day public comment period.
- June 2, 2011:
 - TRAC approval to publish the final TRAC Policy and Procedures manual

Ms. Selvey-Maddox asked if a second public comment period would be required following the TRAC vote on April 12, 2011 regarding the 2011-2015 Major New Program List.

Staff indicated a second public comment period is not required.

Ed Kagel presented the status of recent project updates (per the summary report) provided to the TRAC. Staff addressed TRAC questions regarding the meeting handouts.

Director Wray discussed the over-programming costs within the 2011-2015 Draft Major New Program List. The Director stated the main purpose the TRAC was established was to keep the program from becoming over-programmed. The Director will be advocating for other levels, like Tier 3 and Tier 4 to be written into policy for future projects. The Director indicated the TRAC will work together to bring the program back to balance over the next year or so.

Scott Phinney provided handouts to the TRAC and discussed proposed changes to the following factors within the TRAC Policy and Procedures:

- Transportation Factors
- Project Sponsor Investment Factors

Staff addressed TRAC questions regarding the proposed changes.

Staff confirmed the TRAC Action Items with the TRAC and asked for recommendations at the March 23, 2011 Working Session to advance the 2011-2015 Major New Program List.

Director Wray asked if there was any old business to discuss.

No old business was presented.

Director Wray adjourned at 12:22 pm.

Minutes Prepared by:

Chair:

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