

The 2011 Northeast Regional TRAC Meeting was called to order by Director Wray at 9:05 a.m. at the Oliver Ocasek Government Building in Akron, Ohio. Attending: Director Wray, William Brennan, Patrick Darrow, William Dingus, Jack Marchbanks, and Chris Kershner. Not attending: Robert Clarke Brown, Antoinette Selvey-Maddox, and Raymond DiRossi.

Director Wray opened by discussing that we now have a continuing resolution on the existing Federal Highway Bill. We will continue at the same level for six months. Then, we'll probably have another continuing resolution because we'll be in the middle of a presidential election. It's good news because we can operate at the current level in the near future. The bad news is it does not allow us to do much advanced planning and project forward what's going to happen. From the bill that came out of the House, based on a worst case scenario, we could have to cancel ongoing projects, new projects and several other things that would impact the State of Ohio. However, we should be able to continue at the current level of \$1.5Billion into the next year. We are looking at other options like Public Private Partnerships, Design-Build, the leasing of the Ohio Turnpike, examining the operations and strategic plans within our Department to look for dramatic savings in operational cost so it will allow us to have a robust capital program and to also take care of maintenance and preservation of the current system. If we are able to implement and execute our plan within the Department and lease the turnpike and if there's a reasonable transportation bill in the next 18 months, we would be looking at a Program in the \$2.0+ Billion range. This is what we are trying to get to but we are also looking at contingency plans if these things do not happen.

Minutes from August 18, 2011 meeting were reviewed prior to today's meeting. A correction to the minutes on the Ohio River Crossings was made as suggested. Director Wray made a motion to approve minutes with the correction. Mr. Darrow moved and Mr. Marchbanks seconded the motion. Director Wray noted that the minutes were approved as written.

The TRAC Application Presentations were as follows:

MPO Priority List Presentations

AMATS, Jason Segedy, Study Director;
SCATS, Jeff Dutton, Director of Transportation;
Eastgate, Kathleen Rodi, Director of Transportation;
BHJ, John Brown, PhD, Executive Director

District 4

IR 76/IR 77 – Main Broadway Interchange
(2011D04-04)

Rick Merolla, Service Director, City of Akron

IR 76/IR 77/ SR 8 Central Interchange
IR 76/IR 77/ IR 277 Kenmore Leg
(2011D04-01 and 2011D04-02)

Dave Sicker, Planning Engineer, ODOT D-4

US 30 (2011D04-05)

Dan Moeglin, City Engineer, City of Canton

MAH/TRU IR 80
(2011D04-03)

Jim Kinnick, Planning & Engineering Administrator,
ODOT D-4

District 11

New River Bridge
(2011D11-02)

John C. Brown, Executive Director, BHJ

SR 7/SR 822/US 22
(2011D11-01)

Mike Paprocki, Transportation Study Director
BHJ Metro Planning Commission

District 12

US 6/US20/SR 2
(2011D12-01)

Joseph Calabrese, General Manager, GCRTA

LUNCH

US 250
(2011D03-06)

Pat Shenigo, Erie County Commissioner

MPO Priority List Presentations

NOACA, Howard Maier, Executive Director

District 3

US20/SR 113
(2011D03-04)

Jeff Armbruster, Safety Service Director,
City of North Ridgeville

SR 94 (High Street Corridor Safety Improvemt)
(2011D03-05)

Thomas Tucker, City Engineer, City of Wadsworth

SR 18
(2011D03-01)

Ken Wright, Planning & Engineering Administrator,
ODOT, D-3

US 42
(2011D03-02)

Mayor Dennis Hanwell, City of Medina

SR 57
(2011D03-03)

Ken Wright, Planning & Engineering Administrator,
ODOT, D-3

District 12

US 6 (Lakefront West)
(2011D12-10)

Robert Brown, Director, Cleveland City Planning
Commission

Opportunity Corridor
(2011D12-03)

Robert Brown, Director, Cleveland City Planning
Commission

IR 271
(2011D12-09)

Michael Kubek, Project Engineer, ODOT, D-12

IR 90 (CCG 4E) (2011D12-04)	Craig Hebebrand, Project Engineer, ODOT, D-12
IR 90 (CCG 4B) (2011D12-05)	Craig Hebebrand, Project Engineer, ODOT, D-12
IR 90 (CCG 4D) (2011D12-06)	Craig Hebebrand, Project Engineer, ODOT, D-12
IR 90 (CCG 4C) (2011D12-07)	Craig Hebebrand, Project Engineer, ODOT, D-12
IR 90 (CCG 5C) (2011D12-08)	Craig Hebebrand, Project Engineer, ODOT, D-12
IR 77 (CCG 6B) (2011D12-11)	Craig Hebebrand, Project Engineer, ODOT, D-12
IR 90 (CCG 4A) (2011D12-12)	Craig Hebebrand, Project Engineer, ODOT, D-12
IR 90 (CCG 5B) (2011D12-13)	Craig Hebebrand, Project Engineer, ODOT, D-12
IR 90 (CCG 5A) (2011D12-14)	Craig Hebebrand, Project Engineer, ODOT, D-12

Being that there wasn't any other old business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Minutes Prepared by:

Debbie Cox

Chair:

