

The TRAC Working Session was called to order by Director Beasley at 10:06 a.m. in ODOT Conference Room GA in Columbus, Ohio. Attending: William Brennan, Robert Clarke Brown, Bill Dingus, William Gardner, and Director Beasley. Not attending: Bryan Bucklew, Chip Gerhardt, Tom Studevart, and Pat Ungaro.

Minutes from the December 20, 2007 TRAC meeting were approved.

Director Beasley provided remarks regarding Governor Strickland's proposed "Building Ohio Jobs" stimulus package, ODOT's 2008-2009 Business Plan, and Ohio's 21st Century Transportation Priorities Task Force. Director Beasley also advised that he plans to meet with Ohio's Congressional delegation in Washington DC to review Ohio's federal transportation priorities including: critical short-term measures to ensure solvency of the Highway Trust Fund; increase investment levels; multi-modal approach to transportation programs; and flexibility in State's spending of federal dollars. Finally, the Director advised that ODOT continues to meet with its legislative partners to address the Tier I Amendment.

Tim McDonald, ODOT Deputy Director of the Division of Production Management, provided an update on construction contracts sold in 2007, as well as those scheduled to sell in this biennium, and the TRAC budget.

Mr. McDonald discussed the cost increases for two projects:

- Franklin 270/315/23 project had a cost increase of \$1.8 M for detail design costs. The cost increased from \$14.8 M to \$16.6 M.
- Hamilton I-75 Mill Creek Expressway had a cost increase of \$6.8 M for detail design costs. The cost increased from \$24.1 M to \$30.9 M.

Mr. Dingus moved to approve both cost increases and there was a unanimous vote to approve the cost increases for detail design for Franklin 270/315/23 and Hamilton I-75 Mill Creek Expressway.

Mr. McDonald also provided notification of construction cost increase for Franklin 270/315/23. The December 2006 TRAC list approved construction funding for \$1.8 M for the S.R. 315 southbound ramp F. The low bid from January 25, 2008 sale date was \$2,987,112.20.

Howard Wood, ODOT Deputy Director of the Division of Planning, discussed potential project evaluation criteria revisions. Mr. Wood presented on the following items:

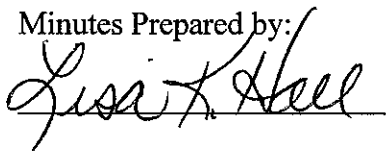
- Critique of "double weighting" traffic score in the current Major/New criteria
- The inclusion of project benefit and benefit cost analysis in scoring projects
- Consideration of land use, brownfield development, and inward growth in Major/New project ranking
- Addition of economic benefit analysis to Major/New project ranking.

The TRAC will continue to discuss the potential project evaluation criteria changes at subsequent meetings.

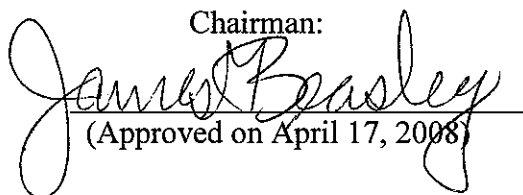
The Director asked if there was any new business. Mr. Dingus motioned that he would like the TRAC to go on record endorsing the Governor's economic stimulus package. The motion was adopted unanimously.

The Director asked if there was any additional new business. There was none. As such, Director Beasley adjourned the meeting at 11:15 a.m.

Minutes Prepared by:



Chairman:


(Approved on April 17, 2008)