

**Warren County  
Transportation Improvement District  
Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes**

Regular Board Meeting  
Friday, March 25, 2011

**A. Call to Order**

A Regular Board Meeting of the Warren County Transportation Improvement District (WCTID) Board of Trustees was called to order by the Chair at 9:10 a.m., Friday, March 25, 2011 at the Warren County Administration Building, 406 Justice Drive, Room 128B, Lebanon, Ohio 45036.

**Attendees:**

Board Members: David D. Duckworth  
David R. Gully  
Eric Hansen  
Christine Thompson  
Neil F. Tunison  
Honorable Shannon Jones (nonvoting)

**Other Guests:** Rusty Schuermann, WCTID Legal Counsel  
Bill Brayshaw, Hamilton County Engineer's Office  
Mark Policinski, OKI  
Andy Fluegemann, ODOT District 8  
Steve Mary, ODOT District 8  
Mark Hurst, Mark Hurst, LLC  
Andrew Brossart, Fifth Third Securities Inc.  
Heather Arling, Fifth Third Securities Inc.  
Jon Brunot, Burgess & Niple  
Jeff Wallace, Parsons Brinckerhoff  
E. Williams, TEC

**B. Approval of Minutes: February 25, 2011 Board Meeting and March 8, 2011 Board Work Session**

*Motion by Mr. Hansen, seconded by Mrs. Thompson, to approve the minutes of the February 25, 2011 Regular Meeting of the Warren County Transportation Improvement District and of the March 8, 2011 Board Work Session, as submitted, upon roll call vote, carried with each members present each separately voting "Yes" thereon.*

**C. WCTID Program of Projects**

1. I-71/Fields-Ertel Mason-Montgomery Road Interchange Project - Neil Tunison handed-out a Project Status Report, dated March 25, 2011, for review by the board (attached). Then Mr. Tunison proceeded to discuss aspects of the I-71 Fields-Ertel project, discussed the traffic study to determine ultimate build and alternatives development, and mentioned the overriding need to improve the congestion and

traffic back-up off I-71. He indicated that we should know more by end of May 2011 as to alternative development and discussed features of a loop ramp approach and a split diamond approach. Mr. Tunison discussed obtaining a permit from ODOT relative to adding a lane to northbound Mason-Montgomery Road between Fields Ertel Road and Parkway Drive. This requires a permit from ODOT because a portion of the the project is in the interstate highway right of way . Mr. Tunison discussed the coordination of pedestrian issues with the traffic signal at Mason Montgomery and Fields-Ertel with that adding time to plan review. He is hopeful that bids for the northbound add lane will be opened in early May.

**At this point in the meeting, Chairman Duckworth requested that we pause the Projects discussion and move to New Business and provide an opportunity for Senator Shannon Jones to provide an update to the board on the ODOT Transportation Budget, as she must leave by 10:00, to which the board agreed.**

**F. New Business (Legislative Update):** Senator Jones addressed the board and indicated that the Transportation Budget moved quickly through both chambers and was a successful process, and provided for TID funding in an amount of seven million to be distributed to those TIDs as determined by ODOT Director. Senator Jones noted that the TIDs are no longer permitted to use the funds for administrative expenses but for project expenses. Some TIDs are not viewed as productive as the ones here in southwest Ohio. She further advised that ODOT recognized and is positive about the accomplishments and work being done in southwest Ohio by the TIDs here and commended the formation of a TID in Warren County, which she had previously advocated for. She extended appreciation to Rusty Schuermann for his assistance through out and in this legislative process and in helping achieve a compromise that should benefit the Warren TID's projects. She indicated that the cooperation and collaboration provided by and among the TIDs and the local jurisdictions within in their approach to projects is recognized as important and valuable. Members of the board extended their appreciation to Senator Jones for her efforts and leadership in these matters.

**C. (Continued) WCTID Program of Projects**

1. (Continued) I-71/Fields-Ertel Mason-Montgomery Road Interchange Project-Spring of 2012 / federal funding thru TRAC OKI is updating the regional traffic model in the interchange area and developing certified traffic to be approved by ODOT. This will be used in the analysis of the alternatives and for design of the various projects as determined in the Interchange Modification Study.

2. I-71/Western Row Road Interchange Project-Mason and Warren County have entered into contract with Entran and authorized them to begin preparing the Analysis of Feasible Alternatives.

3. I-75 at SR73 Interchange Project-Chris Thompson addressed this project and advised that currently negotiations are ongoing regarding property acquisition in connection with the project.

**D. Committee Reports**

The Finance Committee met on March 22, 2001, with Chris Thompson, Dave Gully, Neil Tunison, Dave Duckworth, Andy Brossart, Mark Hurst and Rusty Schuermann in attendance. It was determined that further discussions would ensue with the Warren County Auditor to review the availability of TID funding and the Commissioners and Auditor relative to certain related project finance issues and TID funding issues. It was anticipated these discussions would take place in April.

**E. Financial Report - Secretary-Treasurer**

Mr. Tunison reported that there have been discussions about setting up the TID's accounts with the Finance Committee and the County Auditor but not set up yet, as authorized at the previous board meeting. Chris Thompson reported on her follow-up with Montgomery County TID, which maintains separate TID accounts outside of the County System and Mr. Schuermann verified that Clermont and Butler TIDs do as well. This will be further attended to and action taken sometime after further discussions with the County and the Auditor in April. Currently there are no bills to pay but some expenses are being incurred for legal and accounting that will need to be covered. A federal tax I.D. number for the TID will be obtained.

**F. (continued) New Business**

Mr. Fluegemann of ODOT District 8 discussed the TRAC schedule and process mentioning they are looking at finalizing project funding--projects that are ready for construction. There was discussion by Mr. Fluegemann about how the 1997 inflation rate has been utilized and now making adjustments to \$12 Million from \$5 Million as the threshold for TRAC projects, so if not using TRAC \$s no need for projects under \$12 million to go before TRAC. He discussed the fact that system preservation is ODOT's main priority and discussed other operational efficiency re-assessments being studied by the new administration at ODOT.

Mr. Policinski remarked on Senator Jones' comments and reiterated how important it is, with these projects, to be working together with a unified presence, as the TID provides and is doing, and be perceived as doing so is significant relative to qualifying for funding and advancing the projects, and he welcomes having the Warren TID.

Mr. Brayshaw echoed his agreement with Mr. Policinski and expressed the desire to work together with the Warren County TID, noting the interrelated priorities and, recognizing the spirit of cooperation established among the TIDs in this part of the state.

The Board revisited the designation of a member to attend and monitor the Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission ("MVRPC") meetings and activities and to represent the WCTID before that MPO. A motion was made to designate Chris Thompson as the WCTID representative with the MVRPC by Mr. Hansen, seconded by Mr. Gully, upon roll call vote, carried with all members present voting "Yes" thereon.

**G. Upcoming meeting schedule**

The board members discussed the fact that the next regularly scheduled meeting falls on Good Friday and presents a conflict for certain members so it was

determined to move the April meeting back a week to April 29 and all board members concurred with the Chairman's suggestion to do so.

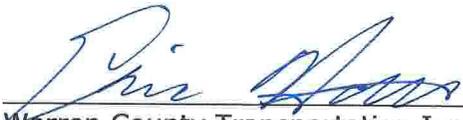
The Chairman determined that the **next Regular Board Meeting would be held on April 29, 2011 at 9:00 A.M. at the Warren County Administration Building, 406 Justice Drive, Room 128B, Lebanon, Ohio**

**H. Adjournment**

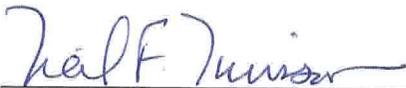
*Motion by Mr. \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by Mr. \_\_\_\_\_, to adjourn the meeting of the Warren County TID, upon roll call vote, carried with all members present voting "Yes" thereon.*

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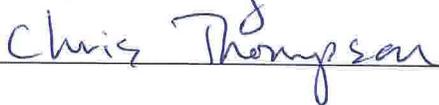
Approved at a regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Warren County Transportation Improvement District, Warren County, Ohio, this 29<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2011.

  
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Warren County Transportation Improvement District  
Chair Presiding Trustee

Attest:

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Warren County Transportation Improvement District  
Secretary-Treasurer

Motion to Approve:  \_\_\_\_\_

Seconded by:  \_\_\_\_\_