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Meeting Minutes October 11, 2023

Meeting Type:

Regular Meeting

Location:

91 North Sandusky Street, Delaware, Ohio, 43015- Hearing Room

Board Members in attendance:

Chris Bauserman, Delaware County Engineer
Seiji Kille, Deputy Auditor
Tracie Davies, County Administrator
Pat Blayney

Absent:

Tom Price

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by Chair, Chris Bauserman, at 9:30 AM. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chris Bauserman.

Public Comment:

A representative (Scott Brown) from State Auditor Keith Faber's presented an award to Seiji Kille for Auditor of State Award. Mr. Brown stated that out of 6000 Audits they complete only 10% are eligible for this award.

Board Reports:

Mr. Bauserman mentioned that the Engineer's Office has officially moved to the Byxbe Campus which is located on State Route 521.

Secretary- Treasurer's Report:

Mr. Kille reported the current cash balance of \$3,212,249.17. The TID received a clean financial audit.

Staff Report –August to October 2023

BYXBE Campus Update

The Delaware County Engineer's Office moved to the Byxbe Campus, 1610 State Route 521 (P.O. Box 80006) on October 6. The Byxbe Campus includes the County Engineer, Regional Sewer District, Building Safety, County Facilities Department, Delaware Soil and Water Conservation District, OSU Extension and the County Sheriff.

The Byxbe Campus has a large multi-purpose room in the former DACC Auditorium with convenient parking and ample space, which the Board may wish to use for future meetings.

ODOT 23 Connect Project

ODOT is continuing work on the Route 23 Connect project, which, after the previous round of analysis in 2021 and 2022 concluded that improvements to the existing corridor, rather than building a new highway on a new alignment, was the most feasible path forward.

ODOT has identified 7 different corridor segments between Waldo and I-270, and has developed conceptual alternatives for each of the 7 segments. The alternative range from relatively minor changes which would include removing some signals and restricting certain movements, all the way to a major reconstruction of the highway to make US 23 a limited access facility with interchanges.

ODOT will be consulting with local community partners in late October and is planning on general public involvement meetings November 15th and 16th. Visit <https://publicinput.com/F1805> for more information. DCEO will report back to the TID as the project progresses.

PROJECT UPDATES

1. Silicon Heartland Regional Project:

Owner: Delaware County TID

Project agreements for the 3 projects identified on Delaware-Licking County Line Road were issued by ODOT for TID approval (projects #4, 7 and 8 on the map below). **Resolution 2023-02 is proposed for this.** ODOT will be providing DCTID \$13 million in state general revenue funds (GRF) for these 3 projects on a reimbursement basis.

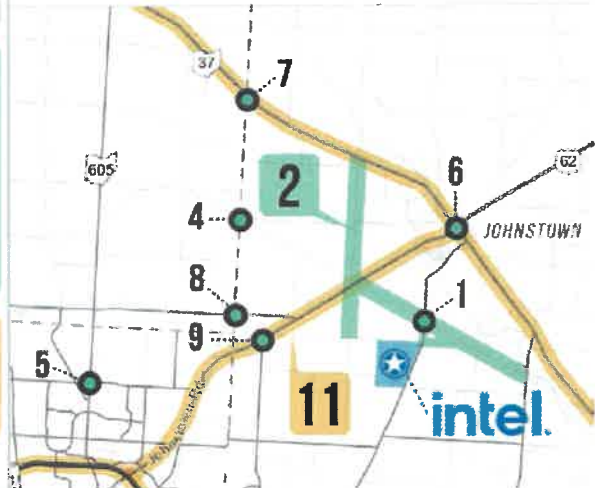
DCTID has been designated as the local sponsor and will develop projects #4 and #8 in cooperation with Delaware County, including the engineering, right of way and construction of each project. DCEO staff is proposing that a separate agreement be developed between the DCTID and the Delaware County Commissioners whereby the County contracts for the engineering services on behalf of the TID, pays the consulting engineer, and submits invoices to the TID for reimbursement. The TID can then, in turn, invoice ODOT for reimbursement of those expenses. This agreement would

Many of the standard federal funding requirements, such as compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBE) will not be required with the use of state GRF dollars. This will simplify project development and delivery. While the funding for all 3 projects is specifically designated for DCTID, per a verbal agreement with ODOT District 6 staff, ODOT Districts 5 and 6 will work jointly to develop #7 (the SR 37 and County Line Road intersection). DCTID will contract with ODOT District 6 to develop and deliver the project. A written agreement is forthcoming that will outline the procedures for this project.

ODOT intends to use one of their existing task order design contracts to provide the engineering for the SR 37 intersection project, but it is expected that DCTID will need to deposit funds with ODOT District 6 and immediately request reimbursement for that expense. Same arrangement for right of way and construction phases, though ODOT has stated that they will work with the TID to avoid cash-flow issues.

A motion made by Mr. Kille and seconded by Ms. Davies to approve resolution 2023-02. A voice vote was called. All in favor.

SILICON HEARTLAND REGIONAL PROJECTS						
TYPE	#	LOCATION	DESCRIPTION	ESTIMATED COMPLETION		FUNDING
				YEAR	TRF	
LOCAL	1	Max St / Muncie Pike Rd	Development/Construction of a roundabout	2024	TRF	\$30
	2	Linking Local Roads - Duncan Plains, Muncie Capital, Dover Valley	Reconstruction of local roadways	2027	TRF	\$30
	3	Thurmond Dr - The Mill Intersection	Reconstruction of intersection & roadway	2025	TRF	\$4
	4	Duncan Plains Rd @ County Line Rd	Development/Construction of a roundabout	2025	TRF	\$2
	5	SR 605 @ Walnut Street	Development/Construction of a roundabout	2025	TRF	\$5
	6	SR 37 @ US 62	Intersection Improvements	2026	TRF	\$1
	7	SR 27 @ County Line Rd	Development/Construction of a roundabout	2026	TRF	\$1
	8	Francher Rd @ County Line Rd	Development/Construction of a roundabout	2026	TRF	\$1
	9	Beach Rd / US 62 Study	Intersection redesign	2027	TRF	\$1
LOCAL PROJECT TOTAL \$66						
CORRIDOR	10	SR 161 - Nelson Blvd	Nelson Blvd construction I-240 to US 62	2020	TRF	\$8
	11	US 62 - Feasibility Study	Improvements, Sinter's Mill Rd to Johnstown	2020	TRF	\$0
	12	SR 37 Corridor Study	Identify solutions from Delaware to SR 161	2020	TRF	\$0
	13	SR 161 / I-70 Connection Study	Identify & evaluate options for I-70 connections	2020	TRF	\$1
14	SR 161 Study	US 62 to Thurmond Dr widening Study	2021	TRF	\$0	
CORRIDOR PROJECT TOTAL \$24						
COMBINED TOTAL \$90M						



Owner: DCTID

Right of way plans have been finalized and acquisition of right of way is expected to start within the next 2 months, and be complete by winter 2024/25. Construction could potentially start as early as Q4 of 2025, though completion will be around 15-18 months later.

In developing the project plans, there were several items that were needed to advance the project that were outside the original scope of services. DCEO will be working with MS consultants to negotiate a contract modification in the coming months.

Current Contract amount: \$2,777,387

Estimated TID administrative fee: \$60,548

2. Home Road and Sawmill Parkway Improvements:

Owner: DCTID

The project has been completed and final completion certificate is provided for the Board's approval by **Resolution 2023-03**. Total construction contract expenses were \$3,535,982.28. Grants were provided by ODOT for \$400,000.00 and OPWC for \$498,855.00. After deducting the TID administrative fee of \$71,719.65, the TID will return the unused deposit balance of \$1,087,153.07 to the Delaware County Engineer.

A motion made by Mr. Blaney and seconded by Ms. Davies to approve resolution 2023-03. A voice vote was called. All in favor.

3. Bale Kenyon Road Improvements, Phase 1

Owner: Orange Township

Improvements to Bale Kenyon Road are approximately 60% complete as of October 6, 2023. Rietschlin Construction is performing the work with a contract of \$3,295,188.54. Overall completion is expected summer 2024. The previously approved \$500,000 TID contribution/reimbursement to Orange Township will be made in summer 2024 after completion of the project.

Bale Kenyon Road Improvements, Phase 2

DCEO staff has had several discussions with Orange Township about a funding plan for phases 2 and 3 of the Bale Kenyon Road Improvements. Phase 2 would include improvements at the south end of Bale Kenyon, extending north about 1/2 mile. Phase 3 would be the remaining 1/2 mile middle section between Phase 1 (under construction now) and Phase 2.

Orange Township is submitting a \$500,000 grant request to OPWC for Phase 2, which would be planned to go to construction in late summer 2024. With cost escalation due to inflation over the last 3 years, the estimate construction cost for Phase 2 has grown to \$2,964,000. In order to advance the project, Orange Township would need to redirect any funding it has for other township road maintenance activities in 2024 and 2025 to advance this

project. Orange Township has requested any available financial assistance from the TID to assist with construction of the project.

Bale Kenyon Road is a major county thoroughfare carrying about 5,000 vehicles per day between East Powell Road and Lewis Center Road. The existing road is narrow and in poor condition, due to base failure and steep drops at the edges of pavement. DCEO staff is proposing the TID consider a grant of \$750,000 to Orange Township for Phase 2 construction. If the TID board supports this, a project agreement will be developed for the next TID meeting.

Discussion of Providing a Grant to Orange Township for the Bale Kenyon Road Improvements, Phase 2

The Grant of \$750,000 would help fund completion of Phase 2 for Bale Kenyon Road Improvements. There were no objections to the request. A project agreement will be in the works.

Other business:

There was no other business to discuss.

There was a motion made by Mr. Blaney and seconded by Ms. Davies to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 10:00AM.

Minutes Submitted by Ali Glusich and Brandy Wilson

Approval of Minutes:



Seiji Kille, Secretary-Treasurer



Date