



# DELAWARE COUNTY *Ohio*

## TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

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### Meeting Minutes

Date: September 11, 2024

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

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:** There was no public comment.

#### **Approval of Minutes of the August 14, 2024 Regular Meeting.**

A motion made by Mr. Price and seconded by Mr. Kille to approve the August 14, 2024 minutes. A voice vote was called. All voted in favor.

**Board Reports:** Mr. Bauserman had nothing to report.

**Secretary- Treasurer's Report:** Mr. Kille went over the balance for TID, there's a cash balance of \$3,188,508.19.

A motion made to accept the Treasurer's Report by Mr. Blayney and seconded by Mr. Price. A voice vote was called. All voted in favor.

#### **Staff Report –June – August 2024**

### **PROJECT UPDATES**

#### **1. Silicon Heartland Regional Project:**

*Owner: Delaware County TID*

EMH&T is currently working on final design plans for the intersections of Delaware-Licking County Line at Fancher Road and at Center Village Road. The project is on schedule for the TID to bid and award the construction contract in late 2025.

#### **Delaware County Transportation Improvement District**

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**2. I-71/US 36/SR 37 PID 90200:**

*Owner: DCTID*

The project agreement between the TID and the Delaware County Commissioners was approved 8/5/2024. A contract for Phase B and C design as well as revisions to Phase A, and will be presented to the TID Board for approval at the 8/14/2024 meeting.

**3. Orange Road Railroad Grade Separation**

*Owner: Delaware County TID*

DCEO and ODOT are applying on behalf of the TID for grants through the US DOT's Rail Crossing Elimination (RCE) Program for approximately \$23 million, plus an additional \$3 million through the State of Ohio's Grade Crossing Elimination (GCE) Program. DCEO expects to hear back on the status of these grant applications later this year. Construction would not start until late 2026 or 2027 at the earliest.

**NEW PROJECT DISCUSSION**

**1. Delaware County Regional Resurfacing Project: Presentation given by Tiffany Jenkins**

The Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) is the designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for all of Franklin and Delaware Counties, and a portion of Licking, Fairfield and Union Counties. Pursuant to federal transportation laws going back for decades, MPO's receive an allocation of federal highway funding on a formula basis, depending on population in the metro area. MORPC receives approximately \$35 to \$40 million dollars per year for various types of road, bridge, bike/ped and transit projects. MORPC carries out a biennial funding application round to distribute these formula funds to local agencies within Central Ohio. Applications for new funding commitments will be received in October 2024 for funding available in State Fiscal Year 2030 and beyond. MORPC has a number of categories for projects that are submitted, including Major/Minor Widening, Preservation, Bike/Ped and Transit. DCEO staff is recommending that the TID consider submit an application to MORPC for a county-wide resurfacing project in 2029 or 2030 that would resurface various city, village, township and county roads. Of important note, only roads that are classified as "major collectors" and "arterials" are considered federal-aid eligible so only a small fraction of the roads in Delaware County are eligible for this funding. DCEO has begun developing a recommended list of roads to consider including in this project and reaching out to local agencies who maintain these roads to gauge interest in this project. DCEO will present more information to the TID in advance of the October application deadline. Legislation by the TID authorizing the application would be needed at or before the October TID meeting.

**2. Stockwell Road Improvements: Presentation given by Doug Riedel**

Porter and Trenton Townships have requested that DCEO prepare plans for an improvement to Stockwell Road, which is on the township line, including cutting down a hill to improve sight distance and widening the pavement, about 1/2 mile east of SR 61. The townships would jointly seek funding through the OPWC toward this project and plan on construction in 2026 or 2027. DCEO staff recommends the TID consider assisting with this project to act as the contracting board for the construction of the project and assist with financing as may be needed, depending on the final construction cost estimate. No action will be needed until fall 2024, but DCEO wishes to receive input from the TID on this proposal.

## **PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS**

### **Resolution 2024-08 – Authorizing the Submission of an Application to the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission for Federal Funding Assistance**

A motion made by Mr. Price and seconded by Mr. Blayney to approve Resolution 2024-08. A voice vote was called. All voted in favor.

**Other business:** There was no other business to discuss.

**Adjourn:** Meeting was adjourned at 9:46 a.m.

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Minutes submitted by Brandy Wilson

Approval of minutes:

  
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**Seiji Kille, Secretary-Treasurer**

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**Date**