



DELAWARE COUNTY *Ohio*

TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

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Meeting Minutes

Meeting Type:

Regular Meeting

Date:

March 11, 2026

Location:

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

Board Members in attendance:

Chris Bauserman, Delaware County Engineer
Tracie Davies, County Administrator
Pat Blayney
Tom Price
Seiji Kille, Chief Deputy Auditor – ABSENT

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 January 14, 2026 Regular Meeting.

A motion made by Mr. Blayney and seconded by Mr. Price to approve the January 14, 2026 minutes. A voice vote was called. All voted in favor.

Board Reports:

Nothing to report.

Secretary- Treasurer's Report:

Mr. Kille was absent. Action to approve the Secretary-Treasurer's report deferred until next meeting.

Staff Report – January to March 2026**CURRENT PROJECTS****1. Silicon Heartland Regional Projects:**

Shelly & Sands was awarded the construction contract in November 2025. Construction is scheduled May to September 2026, starting with the Center Village roundabout. Closure for each intersection will be sequential of the course of 3 to 4 months and is being coordinated with Licking County. Total contract amount is \$4,729,929.00.

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

ODOT has notified DCEO that it intends to apply for a BUILD program grant through the US DOT for Phase B for construction funding. ODOT's "Major New" design and construction program is forecasted to drop significantly beginning in State Fiscal Year 2027 due to rising costs of construction versus available state highway construction revenues.

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Right of acquisition for Phase B is underway with construction planned to start late 2027 or early 2028. Phase C plans are under design with construction starting in 2029.

3. Orange Road Railroad Grade Separation:

No significant updates from previous month. DCEO is targeting construction start in 2028.

4. Stockwell Road Improvements.

The OPWC District 17 Integrating Committee recommended a grant award of \$399,360 to OPWC. In anticipation of a grant agreement (typically issued around July 1) DCEO will request the TID authorize it to advertise for bids in June 2026 with planned contract award at the July 8, 2026 regular meeting. The project will take about 3 months to complete.

FUTURE PROJECTS

- 1. Bunty Station Road:** DCEO met with the City of Delaware and Olentangy Local School District representatives regarding the widening of Bunty Station Road along the frontage of the new high school #5 and extending east of the school toward the Sawmill Parkway roundabout. OLSD is requesting that the TID consider assisting with acquisition of right of way along the existing home frontage. OLSD and its consulting engineer are designing the road widening now so we don't yet know the extent of this acquisition, but expect that it will be strips of land up to 40 or 50 feet from the center of the road. DCEO request the TID Board consider whether this is something that it wishes to assist with using its authority provided under ORC 5540.04 which includes the right to appropriate property in accordance with ORC Chapter 163.



- 2. Plumb Road:** Plumb Road is a township road maintained jointly by Berkshire, Berlin, Genoa and Orange Townships. It is in generally fair condition between Africa Road and State Route 3 but is narrow at 20 feet of pavement or less, and little to no graded shoulder width.

DCEO staff will continue to work with the affected townships to coordinate a project, if the townships are supportive of this.

ODOT SFY 2027 TID GRANT PROGRAM

DCEO staff will be submitting a funding application for \$500,000 to ODOT for its TID Grant Program by March 20, as discussed at the January 2026 meeting for the Byxbe Parkway, Phase 1B project. This will construct the remainder of Byxbe Parkway between US 36/SR 37 and SR 521. The maximum grant request has not been announced but is expected to be \$500,000. This is estimated to be a \$5+ million project.

REAPPOINTMENT OF TID BOARD MEMBERS

The Delaware County Board of Commissioners reappointed the current five TID Board members by commissioner resolution 26-142 on February 26, 2026.

UPCOMING – ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

The TID typically holds its organizational meeting in May to appoint officers of the board. This could be done at the April 8 if the Board wishes.

RESOLUTION 2026-02 – APPROVING A COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT REGARDING IMPROVEMENTS TO SOUTH COUNTY LINE ROAD

A motion was made by Mr. Price to approve Resolution 2026-02, seconded by Mr. Blayney. A voice vote was called. All voted in favor.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-02

WHEREAS, as part of ODOT’s Silicon Heartland Program, the Transportation Improvement Districts of Delaware and Licking Counties are undertaking various improvements of South County Line Road, which is jointly maintained by Delaware and Licking Counties and under the shared jurisdiction of both Transportation Improvement Districts; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of the Delaware County Transportation Improvement District that the Chairman is authorized to execute the following agreement on behalf of the Board.

COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN DELAWARE COUNTY, OHIO AND LICKING COUNTY, OHIO REGARDING IMPROVEMENTS TO SOUTH COUNTY LINE ROAD

This Cooperative Agreement (“Agreement”) is made and entered into, by and between the Board of County Commissioners of Delaware County, Ohio, whose principal place of business is located at The Delaware County Historic Courthouse, 91 N. Sandusky St., Delaware, Ohio 43015, on behalf of the Delaware County, Ohio Engineer (“Delaware Engineer”), whose principal place of business is located at The Byxbe Building, 1610 SR 521, Delaware, Ohio 43015, and the Board of Trustees of the Delaware County, Ohio Transportation Improvement District (“DCTID”), whose principal place of business is located at The Byxbe Building, 1610 SR 521, Delaware, Ohio 43015 and the Board of County Commissioners of Licking County, Ohio, whose principal place of business is located at The Donald D. Hill County Administration Building, 20 S. Second St., Newark, Ohio 43055, on behalf of the Licking County, Ohio Engineer (“Licking Engineer”), whose principal place of business is located at The Donald D. Hill County Administration Building, 20 S. Second St., Newark, Ohio 43055, and the Board of Trustees of the Licking County, Ohio Transportation Improvement District (“LCTID”), whose principal place of business is located at The Donald D. Hill County Administration Building, 20 S. Second St., Newark, Ohio 43055 (DCTID and LCTID collectively “TIDs”) (individually “Party,” collectively “Parties”).

South County Line Road (Del./Lic. CR 51), between Fancher Road and State Route 37, is a county road located partially in Delaware County, Ohio and partially in Licking County, Ohio, and is roughly split between the two (2) counties at its centerline (“Project Area”). The Parties desire to work together to improve South County Line Road and, for such purpose, agree to collaborate, coordinate, and work in tandem to make improvements in the Project Area (collectively “Improvements”). The Improvements generally include, but are not be limited to, widening roadway pavement to create wider and safer lanes, installation of improved drainage facilities, the installation of roundabouts at three (3) intersections, the realignment of South County Line Road in the Project Area to center the roadway on the

existing centerline alignment, and construction of related road improvements. The Improvements to be made pursuant to this Agreement and the Parties responsible for making such improvements are as follows:

- The LCTID shall perform the Improvements known as “Ohio Department of Transportation (‘ODOT’) Silicon Heartland Project 10” as shown on the “Silicon Heartland Regional Projects” map, attached as “Exhibit A.”
- The DCTID shall perform the Improvements known as “ODOT Silicon Heartland Projects 4, 7, and 8,” as shown on “Exhibit A.” These Improvements encompass the installation of roundabouts at the following three (3) South County Line Road intersections: a) Duncan Plains Road; b) State Route 37; and c) Fancher Road.

By this reference, ‘Exhibit A’ is incorporated in this Agreement. The Improvements shall be completed by the above stated respective TIDs in accordance with all specifications, documents, and plans for the Improvements (collectively “Plans”) and by any deadlines agreed to by the Parties. The Plans are on file with the Delaware Engineer, DCTID, Licking Engineer, and LCTID.

The Parties have individually and collectively determined, acknowledge and agree that:

- 1) The Improvements are required for, and are conducive to, the safe, orderly and efficient flow of traffic through the Project Area;
- 2) The public will benefit by this coordinated joint project approach to complete the Improvements, with the TIDs in conjunction with ODOT, utilizing ODOT Silicon Heartland Corridor grant funding allocated to each of the respective TIDs for the Projects;
- 3) The Improvements are within currently dedicated road right-of-way(s) (“ROW”) held by the Party in whose jurisdiction it is located or ROW to be acquired by the Party performing the Improvements; and
- 4) The Improvements are of mutual benefit to the Parties and the public.

The Parties, in consideration of the promises and the mutual representations and agreements in this Agreement, confirm, ratify and agree that they will continue to coordinate and cooperate on the delivery of the Improvements, utilizing ODOT Funding available to the TIDs, following best practices, and delivering the Improvements in a timely manner and in accordance with all applicable laws, rules, and regulations including, but not limited to, R.C. §§ 5540.03(A)(4), (8), (10), and (13). Additionally, the Parties agree and consent to the continued coordination and collaboration on the delivery and completion of the Improvements, including construction of the Improvements, with the TIDs providing for administration and management of same to the extent required by the Plans.

This Cooperative Agreement shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the Parties hereto and their respective successors and assigns.

Other Business

There was no Other Business brought before the Board.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on April 8, 2026.

Adjourn:

Meeting was adjourned at 9:52 a.m.

Minutes submitted by Brandy Wilson & Tiffany Jenkins

Approval of minutes:


Seiji Kille, Secretary-Treasurer

05.13.26
Date