

The TRAC Working Session was called to order by Director Beasley at 2:05 p.m. in the ODOT Conference Room GA in Columbus, Ohio. Attending: Mr. Brennan, Mr. Brown, Mr. Dingus, Mr. Gardner, Mr. Gerhardt, Mr. Studevart, Mr. Ungaro, and Director Beasley. Mr. Bucklew arrived at 2:12 pm.

The meeting began with introduction of the Director and the two newly appointed TRAC members, Mr. Brennan and Mr. Brown.

The Director reviewed the ODOT business plan as it affects the Major New Construction program and TRAC. Strategic Initiative 1 focuses on two main action areas: 1) Responsibly Adjust ODOT's Financial Forecasting, and 2) Direct the TRAC to Adopt Improved Project Cost Procedures. Strategic Initiative 3 calls for a revision of TRAC criteria for funding priority to reflect new measurements of economic development, cost-benefit, multi-modal integration, and urban revitalization. Strategic Initiative 4 calls for a further revision of TRAC criteria to align decisions with goals of preserving farmland and open spaces, reducing sprawl, promoting redevelopment of brownfields and urban centers, as well as, promoting growth where it is needed.

Howard Wood, ODOT Deputy Director of Planning, presented an overview of the current criteria used to evaluate TRAC projects. Staff is currently working on revising the TRAC criteria to shift the focus to promoting projects that will give the greatest return for the investment. Staff will present their recommendations to the TRAC during the next year.

The schedule of 2008 TRAC meetings were announced:

- February 14, 2008
- April 17, 2008
- June 19, 2008
- September 18, 2008
- December 18, 2008

The Director asked if there was any new business. There was none. As such, Director Beasley motioned to adjourn the meeting at 3:17 p.m. The motion was seconded.

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Chairman:

James Beasley
(Approved on February 14, 2008)