

# FRANKLIN COUNTY TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

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District

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Ohio House of  
Representatives –  
23<sup>rd</sup> District

## Board of Trustees Regular Meeting

Thursday, August 27, 2020

2:30 P.M.

Microsoft Teams Meeting

### Agenda

- A. Pledge of Allegiance – *Cornell Robertson, Chair*
- B. Roll Call and Introductions
- C. Approval of Minutes from July 23, 2020 Meeting
- D. FCTID Program of Projects

1. Update on projects:

- Harlem Road at Walnut Street Improvement Project
- Franklin County Parking Facilities Improvement Project
- University Boulevard Project
- SR 161 at Linworth Road Improvements Project

Resolution Number 2020-19 Authorizing Application to MORPC for Attributable Funding for the SR 161 at Linworth Road Improvements Project and Related Actions

A resolution authorizing submittal of a MORPC Attributable Funding application for the SR 161 at Linworth Road Improvements Project and authorizing related agreements.

# FRANKLIN COUNTY TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

- E. Financial Report – *Mark Hurst, CPA*
- F. FCTID Antiracism and Equity Policy
- G. Other Business
- H. Adjournment

**The next FCTID Board of Trustees Meeting is:**

***Thursday, September 24, 2020 at 2:30 P.M.  
Microsoft Teams***

# FRANKLIN COUNTY TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

## MEETING MINUTES

### BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING

Thursday, July 23, 2020  
2:30 p.m.  
Microsoft Teams Meeting

#### **Board of Trustee Members Present**

Cornell Robertson, P.E., P.S., *Chair*  
Erik Janas, *Vice-Chair*  
Alex Beres, *Secretary-Treasurer*

#### **Staff/Consultants Present**

Thomas Graham, MORPC  
Thea Ewing, MORPC  
Rusty Schuermann, Legal Counsel  
Mark Hurst, Accountant

#### **Guests Present**

Brent Welch, Franklin County Engineer's Office  
W. Fritz Crosier, Franklin County Engineer's Office  
Barb Cox, Franklin County Engineer's Office  
Raelynn McCown, Franklin County Engineer's Office  
Henry Thomas  
Dan Hoying  
Paul Denny  
Conner Brintlinger  
Kristen Studabaker  
Simone Burley

#### **Meeting Minutes**

##### **A. Pledge of Allegiance**

Engineer Robertson called the meeting to order at approximately 2:30 p.m., and led the pledge of allegiance.

##### **B. Roll Call and Introductions**

Engineer Robertson asked all attendees to introduce themselves and thanked everyone for attending. Roll was called for board members:

**Robertson:** Yes | **Janas:** Yes | **Beres:** Yes | **Griffin:** Absent | **Woodruff:** Absent  
**Kunze:** Absent | **Lanese:** Absent

**C. Approval of Minutes from June 25, 2020 Meeting**

Motion by Beres, seconded by Janas to approve the meeting minutes of June 25, 2020. Motion carried via a roll call vote:

**Robertson:** Yes | **Janas:** Yes | **Beres:** Yes | **Griffin:** --- | **Woodruff:** ---

**D. FCTID Program of Projects**

Mr. Crosier informed the board that the FCEO had been coordinating with MI Homes and other developers regarding new developments around the Harlem Road at Walnut Street Intersection. Mr. Crosier recommended that the board increase the scope of the Harlem Road at Walnut Street Improvement Project, which would enable the FCTID to accept financial contributions from developers in the area for future transportation improvements.

**1. Resolution Number 2020-16 Re-Designating “Harlem Road at Walnut Street Improvement Project” to “Walnut Street Corridor Improvements Project” and Related Actions**

Motion by Beres, seconded by Janas to adopt Resolution 2020-16 re-designating the Harlem Road at Walnut Street Improvement Project to expand the scope of the project beyond the intersection of Harlem Road and Walnut Street. Motion carried via a roll call vote:

**Robertson:** Yes | **Janas:** Yes | **Beres:** Yes | **Griffin:** --- | **Woodruff:** ---

Mr. Crosier informed the board that the environmental investigation regarding the Franklin County Parking Facilities Improvement Project – Phase 1 Ped Bridge Demo had been completed. Additionally, Mr. Crosier informed the board that the contract for the pedestrian bridge demolition work had been routed to Corna Kokosing for execution, with work expected to begin on August 10, 2020 and demolition of the pedestrian bridge expected to occur on September 12, 2020.

**E. FCTID Budget**

**2. Resolution Number 2020-17 Establishing New Funds**

Motion by Janas, seconded by Beres to adopt Resolution 2020-17 to establish the Franklin County Parking Facilities Capital Improvement Fund. Motion carried via a roll call vote:

**Robertson:** Yes | **Janas:** Yes | **Beres:** Yes | **Griffin:** --- | **Woodruff:** ---

**3. Resolution Number 2020-18 Adopting Amended Cy 2020 Fund Budgets**

Motion by Beres, seconded by Janas to adopt Resolution 2020-18 to amend the CY 2020 fund budgets to reflect authorized public work expenditures for the Franklin County Parking Facilities improvement Project – Phase 1. Motion carried via a roll call vote:

**Robertson:** Yes | **Janas:** Yes | **Beres:** Yes | **Griffin:** --- | **Woodruff:** ---

**F. Other Business**

Mr. Crosier informed the board that MORPC Attributable Funding Screening Applications had been submitted by the FCEO related to the Cassady Avenue project and the Cook Road Corridor Project. Additionally, FCEO staff submitted a MORPC Attributable Funding Application on behalf of the FCTID for the SR 161 at Linworth Road Improvements Project. Mr. Graham informed the board that MORPC staff would be drafting a resolution to authorize submittal of a MORPC Attributable Funding Application Final Application.

**G. Other Business**

Engineer Robertson informed the board that Eddie King had indicated that TID Supplemental Funding Awards would be announced soon. The board discussed submitting a letter of support to the ODOT Transportation Advisory Committee in support of the I-270 and US 23 interchange project.

Motion by Beres, seconded by Janas to authorize submittal of a letter of support for the I-270 at US 23 TRAC Application. Motion carried via a roll call vote:

**Robertson:** Yes | **Janas:** Yes | **Beres:** Yes | **Griffin:** --- | **Woodruff:** ---

**H. Financial Report**

Mr. Hurst provided the June 2020 financial reports to the board.

**I. MORPC Quarterly Report**

Ms. Ewing provided the MORPC Q2 2020 report to the board. Ms. Ewing explained the MORPC would be invoicing the FCTID for CY 2020 services and offered to further discuss MORPC's administrative role with the FCTID.

**J. Other Business**

Engineer Robertson informed the board that a draft of the FCTID Anti-racism and Equity Program was currently being reviewed by FCTID board members and staff. Engineer Robertson informed the board

that further discussion of this policy would be had during the August FCTID Board Meeting. Mr. Janas asked that all board members be present for this discussion.

**K. Adjournment**

Motion by Janas, seconded by Beres to adjourn the July 23, 2020 FCTID Board of Trustees Meeting. Meeting was adjourned at 2:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Alex Beres  
Secretary-Treasurer

**FRANKLIN COUNTY  
TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT**

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**Resolution Number 2020-19**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPLICATION TO MORPC FOR  
ATTRIBUTABLE FUNDING FOR THE SR 161 AT LINWORTH ROAD  
IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT AND RELATED ACTIONS**

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**WHEREAS**, the Franklin County Transportation Improvement District (the “FCTID”) is authorized by ORC Chapter 5540 (1) to finance, construct, maintain, repair, and operate street, highway, and other transportation projects (including, but not limited to, air and rail projects); and (2) to construct, reconstruct, improve, alter, and repair roads, highways, public places, buildings, and other infrastructure;

**WHEREAS**, the transportation projects undertaken by the FCTID and exercise of its authority, pursuant to ORC Chapter 5540, are considered to contribute to the improvement of the prosperity, health, safety, and welfare of the people of Franklin County, Ohio (the “County”), various local political subdivisions located within the County, the region and the State of Ohio (the “State”), and are essential governmental functions that will also promote industry, commerce, distribution, and research activity within the County, the region and the State;

**WHEREAS**, it is also envisioned and intended that the ongoing efforts of the FCTID will assist and provide greater efficiencies to the ongoing transportation infrastructure and related improvement efforts in the County, and in relationship and coordination with the Ohio Department of Transportation (“ODOT”), the Ohio Development Services Agency (“DSA”), Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (“MORPC”), Ohio Public Works Commission (“OPWC”) and various other local political subdivisions and other agencies and offices within the County, including, but not limited to, the Franklin County Engineer’s Office (“FCEO”) and the Franklin County Department of Economic Development & Planning (“FCEDP”) and the business community, and neighboring communities and counties, as applicable or appropriate, in advancing transportation improvements, and related economic development and job retention and creation, which is vital to the long term mobility and economic prosperity of the County, the local political subdivisions within the County, the region and the State and their people;

**WHEREAS**, the FCTID consistent with its purpose and mission, including the designation and development of projects as designated by its Board of Trustees under ORC Chapter 5540, empowers the various political subdivisions and their respective residents and other agencies within the County, to participate in a cooperative county-wide coalition to take advantage of the opportunities and benefits made available through a Transportation Improvement District (“TID”) to plan, fund, construct and improve highways, roads, bridges, interchanges and other transportation improvements and accompanying capital improvements and development throughout the County and its environs, utilizing a program-level

development approach for integration of local transportation projects and which program of transportation projects is intended to be amended and supplemented as appropriate to add, from time to time, as feasible and appropriate, additional Projects and which is referred to as the “FCTID Program of Projects, as further set forth and described on documents on file with the FCTID (the “Identified Projects”).

**WHEREAS**, the Identified Projects in the FCTID Program of Projects, which includes the SR 161 at Linworth Road Improvements Project, are transportation and/or local infrastructure improvement projects, as contemplated by ORC Chapter 5540, that involve or contemplate a coordinated, cooperative, multi-jurisdictional approach towards project integration, development, design and construction, land use planning, environmental stewardship, financial strategy implementation, economic development and public-private partnership opportunities to advance these projects in an innovative, efficient and cost effective manner;

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Trustees of the FCTID has recognized that it is a priority that the FCTID engage and coordinate with the County, the FCEO, FCEDP, various local political subdivisions within the County and the State to the greatest extent practical in development of transportation improvements and related activities within Franklin County and its environs and the region, such as by advancing such Identified Projects as the SR 161 at Linworth Road Improvements Project;

**WHEREAS**, the FCTID intends to identify, further study, develop, implement and/or secure necessary funding from available revenue sources for these Identified Projects, such Identified Projects as the SR 161 at Linworth Road Improvements Project, in such phases and manner as determined to be feasible, practicable, and as may be agreed upon by the FCTID Board of Trustees and/or local implementation and potential funding partners including, but not limited to, the County and, as appropriate and feasible, certain other local political subdivisions within the County and/or private sector sources, and in further coordination and cooperation with ODOT, DSA, MORPC and/or OPWC, and in such amounts as determined to be available, adequate and feasible for advancement of Identified Projects and consistent, as applicable, with the ODOT Project Development Process or “PDP” and other applicable laws and regulations;

**WHEREAS**, the FCTID and the County have entered into an intergovernmental agreement relating to these cooperative and collaborative efforts, referenced above, to advance the Identified Projects /FCTID Program of Projects, including the SR 161 at Linworth Road Improvements Project, with a related pledge of funding from the County in accordance with ORC Sections 5540.02 (F);

**WHEREAS**, the FCTID is eligible to apply for MORPC Attributable Funding for the advancement of the the SR 161 at Linworth Road Improvements Project; and

**WHEREAS**, the FCTID intends to submit a final application for MORPC Attributable Funding for the SR 161 at Linworth Road Improvements Project; and

**WHEREAS**, the FCTID, pursuant to ORC Section 5540.03 is authorized to take such actions, receive such funding, and enter into all agreements necessary or incidental to

performance of its functions and the execution of its powers to effect its purposes and transportation projects and the FCTID is specifically authorized to construct and fund transportation projects, and to pay related costs incurred thereto in the exercise of its functions under ORC Chapter 5540; and,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the FCTID Board of Trustees (the “Board”) hereby proclaims the importance of further assisting, in conjunction with the FCEO, the County and other implementation partners, with advancing and funding the development and implementation of the SR 161 at Linworth Road Improvements Project by applying for MORPC Attributable Funding, and which project will address, in various respects, vital capacity, safety and congestion issues, benefiting the traveling public and residents of the area and the region, and significantly facilitate and provide for economic expansion and development in and around the project area.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Board hereby approves, authorizes and directs that the FCTID Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson or Secretary-Treasurer, in consultation with FCTID legal counsel, prepare and submit to MORPC an appropriate funding application for MORPC Attributable Funding for right-of-way and constructions funding for the SR 161 at Linworth Road Improvements Project, in such eligible amounts as determined feasible and appropriate by the FCTID Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson or Secretary-Treasurer, in consultation with the FCEO, and that the taking of any such action and the execution and delivery of any related documents, agreements or instruments, including, but not limited to, funding agreements with MORPC or project partner funding agreements, by the Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson or Secretary-Treasurer shall be conclusive evidence of the Board’s determination that such actions are proper, authorized, approved and necessary in order for the FCTID to carry out the purposes of this resolution and of the authorization thereof by the Board.

It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Board concerning and relating to the adoption of this resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Board, and that all deliberations of this Board that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with the law, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Adopted at a regularly adjourned meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Franklin County Transportation Improvement District, Franklin County, Ohio, this 27<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2020.

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Franklin County Transportation Improvement District  
Presiding Trustee

Attest:

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Franklin County Transportation Improvement District  
Secretary-Treasurer

Motion to Pass Resolution: \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Franklin County Transportation Improvement District**

Bank Account Reconciliation

July 30, 2020

**Bank Account Balances:**

Heartland Bank Account #112006116	\$ 35,000.00
Heartland Bank Account #212300187	1,688,208.41

Total Heartland Bank Public Funds Account	<u>1,723,208.41</u>
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**Additions:**

Deposits in Transit:

**Deletions:**

Outstanding Checks:

<b>Reconciled Bank Balance</b>	<u><u>\$ 1,723,208.41</u></u>
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**Fund Cash Summary:**

General Fund	\$ 601,455.41
Toy Road/Swisher Road/Saltzgaber Road Fund	197,795.00
Franklin County Parking Facilities Fund	923,958.00

<b>Total Cash Per Fund Summary</b>	<u><u>\$ 1,723,208.41</u></u>
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**Difference Between Reconciled Bank Balance and Cash per Fund Summary**

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Prepared By: Mark Hurst 8/24/2020

Reviewed By: \_\_\_\_\_

**Franklin County Transportation Improvement District**

Financial Report

As of July 31, 2020

<b>Fund Name</b>	<b>Fund Balance January 1, 2020</b>	<b>Actual Receipts</b>	<b>Budgeted Receipts</b>	<b>Actual Disbursements</b>	<b>Outstanding Encumbrances</b>	<b>Actual Budgetary Disbursements</b>	<b>Budgeted Disbursements</b>	<b>Fund Balance As of July 31, 2020</b>	<b>Unencumbered Fund Balance As of July 31, 2020</b>
General Fund	425,869.06	302,872.58	800,000.00	(127,286.23)	(77,136.18)	(204,422.41)	(226,081.67)	601,455.41	524,319.23
Alum Creek Drive & Rohr Road Fund	-	-	2,540,176.00	-	-	-	(2,540,176.00)	-	-
Morse Road/I-270 Fund	-	2,000,000.00	2,000,000.00	(2,000,000.00)	-	(2,000,000.00)	(2,000,000.00)	-	-
Toy Road/Swisher Road/Saltzgaber Road Fu	-	197,795.00	1,870,958.50	-	-	-	-	197,795.00	197,795.00
Franklin County Parking Facilities Fund	-	923,958.00	923,958.00	-	-	-	(923,958.00)	923,958.00	923,958.00
	<u>425,869.06</u>	<u>3,424,625.58</u>	<u>8,135,092.50</u>	<u>(2,127,286.23)</u>	<u>(77,136.18)</u>	<u>(2,204,422.41)</u>	<u>(5,690,215.67)</u>	<u>1,723,208.41</u>	<u>1,646,072.23</u>

Franklin County TID  
 Summary of Cash Basis Activity - 2020

<b>General Fund</b>	
<b>2020</b>	
Cash	601,455.41
<b>Investment Earnings</b>	<b>2,872.58</b>
1/31/2020	562.84
2/28/2020	502.08
3/31/2020	738.13
4/30/2020	952.65
5/29/2020	30.69
6/30/2020	32.91
7/31/2020	53.28
<b>Insurance (Trimmer Insurance Agency)</b>	<b>(4,944.36)</b>
7/1/2020	(4,944.36)
<b>Legal Services (Kegler, Brown, Hill and Ritter)</b>	<b>(28,885.82)</b>
1/10/2020	(1,542.50)
2/12/2020	(870.00)
3/31/2020	(11,031.23)
5/22/2020	(6,235.00)
7/1/2020	(9,207.09)
<b>Accounting Services (Hurst Kelly &amp; Company LLC)</b>	<b>(12,998.05)</b>
1/10/2020	(2,814.05)
2/12/2020	(1,610.75)
3/31/2020	(6,542.00)
5/22/2020	(906.25)
7/1/2020	(1,125.00)
<b>To record balance of cash at 1/1/20</b>	<b>425,869.06</b>
1/1/2020	425,869.06
<b>IGA Payment from Grove City</b>	<b>300,000.00</b>
3/20/2020	300,000.00
<b>To record bank fees</b>	<b>(61.62)</b>
3/10/2020	(0.18)
4/10/2020	(0.36)
5/13/2020	(15.00)
5/14/2020	(30.00)
6/10/2020	(15.54)
7/31/2020	(0.54)
<b>Purchase of Property - Harlem and Walnut</b>	<b>(80,366.38)</b>
6/15/2020	(80,366.38)
<b>To record wire fee for property purchase</b>	<b>(30.00)</b>
6/15/2020	(30.00)

Franklin County TID  
Summary of Cash Basis Activity - 2020

**Morse Road/I-270 Fund**

**2020**

Cash

-

**IGA Payment from Franklin County**

**2,000,000.00**

5/13/2020

2,000,000.00

**Electronic payment to City of Columbus**

**(2,000,000.00)**

5/14/2020

(2,000,000.00)

Franklin County TID  
Summary of Cash Basis Activity - 2020

<b>Toy Road/Swisher Road/Saltzgeber Road Fund</b>	
<b>2020</b>	
Cash	197,795.00
<b>IGA Payment from Madison Township</b>	<b>100,000.00</b>
5/22/2020	100,000.00
<b>City of Groveport Contribution</b>	<b>97,795.00</b>
6/23/2020	97,795.00

Franklin County TID  
Summary of Cash Basis Activity - 2020

<b>Franklin County Parking Facilities Fund</b>	
<b>2020</b>	
Cash	923,958.00
Franklin County Contribution for Kokosing Project	<b>923,958.00</b>
7/16/2020	923,958.00
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>1,723,208.41</b>

Franklin County TID  
 Summary of Open Purchase Orders

Year	2020
Row Labels	Sum of Encumbrances
<b>General Fund</b>	
<b>2019-01</b>	-
<b>2019-02</b>	-
<b>2020-01</b>	
Legal Services (Kegler, Brown, Hill and Ritter)	
1018	5,309.56
1021	9,207.09
Legal Services (Kegler, Brown, Hill and Ritter) Total	14,516.65
To record PO for Legal Services (Kegler, Brown, Hill and Ritter)	
2020-01	(30,000.00)
To record PO for Legal Services (Kegler, Brown, Hill and Ritter) Total	(30,000.00)
<b>2020-01 Total</b>	<b>(15,483.35)</b>
<b>2020-02</b>	
Accounting Services (Hurst Kelly & Company LLC)	
1015	1,754.30
1019	906.25
1020	1,125.00
Accounting Services (Hurst Kelly & Company LLC) Total	3,785.55
To record PO for Accounting Services (Hurst Kelly & Company LLC)	
2020-02	(10,000.00)
To record PO for Accounting Services (Hurst Kelly & Company LLC) Total	(10,000.00)
<b>2020-02 Total</b>	<b>(6,214.45)</b>
<b>2020-03</b>	
To record PO for Administrative Services (MORPC)	
2020-03	(55,000.00)
To record PO for Administrative Services (MORPC) Total	(55,000.00)
<b>2020-03 Total</b>	<b>(55,000.00)</b>
<b>2020-04</b>	
To record PO for Bank Fees	
2020-04	(500.00)
To record PO for Bank Fees Total	(500.00)
To record bank fees	
Electronic Payment	61.62
To record bank fees Total	61.62
<b>2020-04 Total</b>	<b>(438.38)</b>
<b>2020-05</b>	-
<b>No PO</b>	
<b>General Fund Total</b>	<b>(77,136.18)</b>
<b>Morse Road/I-270 Fund</b>	-
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>(77,136.18)</b>

# FRANKLIN COUNTY TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT'S ANTIRACISM & EQUITY POLICY

August 27, 2020

The Franklin  
County  
Transportation  
Improvement  
District denounces  
racism in all forms  
and believes more  
needs to be done  
now. We pledge to  
listen and continue  
to learn more from  
those affected by  
racism, and we will  
strive to promote  
meaningful and  
lasting change in  
our organization,  
Franklin County,  
and society at large.

## Franklin County Transportation Improvement District's Antiracism & Equity Policy

The Franklin County Transportation Improvement District (FCTID) was created in March 2019 by the Franklin County Board of Commissioners. The FCTID was established at the request of Franklin County Engineer Cornell R. Robertson, P.E., P.S. and with the support of regional transportation, mobility, and public safety partners. The Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) provides administrative services to the FCTID. It is an organization that advances multi-jurisdictional, and economic development-related, transportation improvements. Authorized by the Ohio Revised Code Chapter 5540, Transportation Improvement Districts (TIDs) promote intergovernmental and public-private cooperation of transportation resources and investments.

The FCTID supports the Franklin County Board of Commissioners' Declaration of Racism as a Public Health Crisis and will work to eliminate racism, discrimination, and social injustice through diversity, inclusion and equity initiatives. This intentional and purposeful approach will be a top priority, and it will support our commitment to work to eradicate racism as we collaborate with vendors, suppliers, consultants, and contractors to make infrastructure improvements in Franklin County.

Therefore, the FCTID has adopted the Franklin County Transportation Improvement District's Antiracism & Equity Policy (FCTID AEP), to explicitly and publicly affirm our identity as an anti-racist organization as we collaborate with vendors, suppliers, consultants, contractors and all other individuals or entities conducting business with the FCTID. As an anti-racist organization, we pledge to purposefully identify, discuss, and challenge ourselves to understand and correct any inequities we may discover, and gain a better understanding of ourselves during this purposeful process with everyone in Franklin County that we conduct business with or serve whether they be vendors, suppliers, consultants, contractors, residents, citizens, constituents, those who work in Franklin County but live elsewhere, or those just traveling through Franklin County. The FCTID will develop relationships of solidarity, support, and trust rooted in intentional anti-racist thought, action, and reflection.

The FCTID AEP was adopted after receiving input from various members of the FCTID. To be intentional and purposeful, the FCTID Board will evaluate on a periodic basis its progress in following the tenets of the FCTID AEP with respect to the implementation of its program of projects. We will also conduct open discussions and facilitate a constant dialogue regarding healthy racial relations with the Board members and stakeholders.

The FCTID considers diversity to mean acknowledging, understanding, accepting, celebrating and valuing the uniqueness of all individuals. Each person is an individual with visible and non-visible differences, and by respecting this, everyone can feel valued for their contributions, which is beneficial not only for the individual but for the FCTID as well. Inclusion is the intentional act of embracing diversity and establishing a culture where each uniquely different person is provided the opportunity to thrive, succeed and excel. Diversity is what you have.....Inclusion is what you do.

Equity helps everyone to recognize that advantages and barriers exist, and that, as a result, we do not all have the same starting point. Equity is an approach that ensures everyone has access to the same opportunities. Equity is a process that begins by acknowledging unequal starting points

and continues by addressing and correcting imbalance.

### **Vendors, Suppliers, Consultants, Contractors**

The FCTID will support the Franklin County Board of Commissioners' work to progress as an equitable and fair-minded organization, with leadership continuing to identify specific activities to further enhance diversity, inclusion and equity, and to ensure antiracism principles for vendors, suppliers, consultants, and contractors. All people interacting or doing business with the FCTID shall have a business model or network that is compatible with the tenets of the FCTID AEP. The FCTID adheres to the latest design and construction standards enacted by the State of Ohio and applicable local governments for the maintenance and improvement of roads, bridges, infrastructure for multiple modes of transportation, utilities, and drainage facilities. We want our business partners to be reliable, reputable and productive so we can deliver the best services to the community, and we need diversity to help us achieve this. The collaboration of diverse populations will lend itself to the best possible outcomes for our business partners and the community.

**WE AFFIRM** that the FCTID is committed to promoting diversity, inclusion, and equity in all aspects of the organization and when administering current and future transportation improvement projects. Consistent with the exercise of its powers authorized under R.C. 5540.03, the FCTID will draw upon applicable or pertinent provisions or guidance from various programs and policies at the Federal, State and County level, including the Franklin County Engineer's Equitable Business Enterprise (FCE EBE) Program for Locally Funded Projects, for guidance when administering current and future projects, as may be appropriate.

**WE AFFIRM** to be intentional in notifying minority owned business of opportunities with the FCTID. This can be accomplished by sending notification of projects or events to minority owned businesses through minority owned publications, email, US mail, text messages and/or telephone calls, open houses, or in-person meetings with our organization.

**WE AFFIRM** to join with the Franklin County Engineer's efforts in recognizing minority engineers and/or other minority professionals or employees that have made a significant contribution to the industry.

### **Community Outreach & Public Engagement**

The FCTID will work to implement strategies, consistent with its mission, bylaws and statutory purpose, that dismantle racism within our community and society at large. Diverse outreach will allow the FCTID to make positive contributions to the communities of Franklin County in an impactful and meaningful manner.

**WE AFFIRM** that through our commitment to diversity, inclusion and equity, we will provide opportunities for underrepresented populations to share their ideas, suggestions and perspectives regarding planning, programs and projects in Franklin County. This can be accomplished by hosting public meetings, soliciting input through surveys, letters, emails and text messages, and holding open houses for residents to voice their input in an informal setting.

**WE AFFIRM** to utilize translation and interpreting services when necessary to ensure residents from varying backgrounds can communicate with the FCTID members and/or representatives so they are informed about the FCTID projects and/or events.

**WE AFFIRM** to focus on projects that have elements of First Mile/Last Mile in areas of Franklin County that need to provide transportation systems in underrepresented communities. Currently under construction or design:

- Cassidy Avenue road, pedestrian facilities, and drainage improvements
- Cleveland Avenue from Huy Road to Elmore Road
- Cooke Road Corridor Study
- Ferris Road Corridor Study