

**Transportation Improvement  
District of Butler County, Ohio**

Single Audit Reports  
Year ended December 31, 2009





Mary Taylor, CPA  
Auditor of State

Board of Trustees  
Transportation Improvement District of Butler County  
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We have reviewed the *Independent Auditors' Report* of the Transportation Improvement District of Butler County, prepared by Clark, Schaefer, Hackett & Co., for the audit period January 1, 2009 through December 31, 2009. Based upon this review, we have accepted these reports in lieu of the audit required by Section 117.11, Revised Code. The Auditor of State did not audit the accompanying financial statements and, accordingly, we are unable to express, and do not express an opinion on them.

Our review was made in reference to the applicable sections of legislative criteria, as reflected by the Ohio Constitution, and the Revised Code, policies, procedures and guidelines of the Auditor of State, regulations and grant requirements. The Transportation Improvement District of Butler County is responsible for compliance with these laws and regulations.

*Mary Taylor*

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Auditor of State

July 28, 2010

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**TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT OF BUTLER COUNTY, OHIO**

Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards

Year Ended December 31, 2009

<u>Federal Grantor/Program Title</u>	<u>Pass Through Entity Number</u>	<u>Federal CFDA Number</u>	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Expenditures</u>
<b><u>U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION</u></b>				
<i>Passed through Ohio Department of Transportation</i>				
Highway Planning and Construction	76290	20.205	\$ 636,450	659,740
Highway Planning and Construction - SR 747	75899	20.205	<u>38,596</u>	<u>395,973</u>
Total U.S. Department of Transportation			<u>675,046</u>	<u>1,055,713</u>
Total Federal Awards			\$ <u>675,046</u>	<u>1,055,713</u>

**NOTES TO SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS:**

**NOTE A - SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

The schedule of expenditures of federal awards has been prepared on the cash basis of accounting.

**NOTE B - MATCHING REQUIREMENTS**

Certain Federal programs require that the District contribute non-Federal funds (matching funds) to support the Federally-funded programs. The District has complied with the matching requirements. The expenditure of non-Federal matching funds is not included on the Schedule.

**REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING  
AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN  
AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE  
WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS**

To the Board of Trustees  
Transportation Improvement District of Butler County, Ohio:

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Transportation Improvement District of Butler County, Ohio (the District) as of and for the year ended December 31, 2009, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated June 21, 2010. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered the District's internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control over financial reporting.

Our consideration of internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the preceding paragraph and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that might be significant deficiencies or material weaknesses and therefore, there can be no assurance that all deficiencies, significant deficiencies, or material weaknesses have been identified. However, as described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs, we identified a deficiency in internal control over financial reporting that we consider to be a material weakness.

A deficiency in internal control exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent or detect and correct misstatements on a timely basis. A material weakness is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis. We consider the deficiency described and labeled as item 2009-1 in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs to be a material weakness.

Compliance And Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the District's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit and, accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

We noted certain matters that we reported to management of the District in a separate letter dated June 21, 2010.

The District's response to the finding identified in our audit is described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs. We did not audit the District's response and, accordingly, we express no opinion on it.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of management, the Board of Trustees, others within the entity, and federal awarding agencies and pass-through entities, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than those specified parties.

*Clark, Schaefer, Hachett & Co.*

Cincinnati, Ohio  
June 21, 2010

## **REPORT ON COMPLIANCE WITH REQUIREMENTS APPLICABLE TO EACH MAJOR PROGRAM AND INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE IN ACCORDANCE WITH OMB CIRCULAR A-133**

To the Board of Trustees  
Transportation Improvement District of Butler County, Ohio:

### **Compliance**

We have audited the compliance of Transportation Improvement District of Butler County, Ohio (the District) with the types of compliance requirements described in the U.S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB) *Circular A-133 Compliance Supplement* that are applicable to each of its major federal programs for the year ended December 31, 2009. The District's major federal programs are identified in the summary of auditors' results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs. Compliance with the requirements of laws, regulations, contracts and grants applicable to each of its major federal programs is the responsibility of the District's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the District's compliance based on our audit.

We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and OMB Circular A-133, *Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations*. Those standards and OMB Circular A-133 require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether noncompliance with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on a major federal program occurred. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence about the District's compliance with those requirements and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion. Our audit does not provide a legal determination on the District's compliance with those requirements.

In our opinion, the District, complied, in all material respects, with the requirements referred to above that are applicable to each of its major federal programs for the year ended December 31, 2009.

### **Internal Control Over Compliance**

Management of the District is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over compliance with the requirements of laws, regulations, contracts, and grants applicable to federal programs. In planning and performing our audit, we considered the District's internal control over compliance with requirements that could have a direct and material effect on a major federal program in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on compliance and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with OMB Circular A-133, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over compliance. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control over compliance.

A deficiency in internal control over compliance exists when the design or operation of a control over compliance does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program on a timely basis. A material weakness in internal control over compliance is a deficiency, or combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance, such that there is a reasonable possibility that material noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal programs will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis.

Our consideration of internal control over compliance was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in the entity's internal control over compliance that might be deficiencies, significant deficiencies or material weaknesses. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over compliance that we consider to be material weaknesses, as defined above.

#### **Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards**

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the District, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2009, and have issued our report thereon dated June 21, 2010. Our audit was performed for the purpose of forming our opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements. The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards is presented for purposes of additional analysis as required by OMB Circular A-133 and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of management, the Board of Trustees, others within the entity, and federal awarding agencies and pass-through entities, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than those specified parties.

*Clark, Schaefer, Hachett & Co.*

Cincinnati, Ohio  
June 21, 2010

**TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT OF BUTLER COUNTY, OHIO**  
 Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs  
 Year Ended December 31, 2009

**Section I – Summary of Auditors’ Results**

**Financial Statements**

Type of auditors’ report issued:	unqualified
Internal control over financial reporting:	
• Material weakness(es) identified?	yes
• Significant deficiency(ies) identified not considered to be material weaknesses?	none
Noncompliance material to the financial statements noted?	none

**Federal Awards**

Internal control over major programs:	
• Material weakness(es) identified?	none
• Significant deficiency(ies) identified not considered to be material weaknesses?	none
Type of auditors’ report issued on compliance for major programs:	unqualified
Any audit findings that are required to be reported in accordance with 510(a) of Circular A-133?	no
Identification of major programs:	
<i>CFDA 20.205 – Highway Planning and Construction</i>	
Dollar threshold to distinguish between Type A and Type B Programs:	\$300,000
Auditee qualified as low-risk auditee?	no

## **Section II - Financial Statement Findings**

### **Finding 2009-1 – Audit Adjustments**

During the course of our audit, we identified misstatements in the financial statements for the year under audit that were not initially identified by the District's internal control. Throughout the year, the District maintains its books and records on a cash basis of accounting and converts its financial statements at year end to generally accepted accounting principles. The audit adjustments were necessary to correct errors in the District's conversion process. A description of the adjustment follows.

- **Net Assets.** An audit adjustment was necessary to correct the District's reporting of net assets. The District miscalculated net assets invested in capital assets net of related debt by \$6,968,239 and net assets restricted for capital projects by \$6,896,095.
- **Accounts Payable.** An audit adjustment was necessary to correct accounts payables in the financial statements. Accounts payables reported at December 31, 2009 in the State Route 4 Bypass Widening Fund was understated by \$48,635 as the District omitted a certain item when capturing liabilities owed at year-end

We recommend the District implement financial reporting procedures to ensure all accounts are properly reported in the financial statements.

***Management response:** Management concurs with the finding.*

## **Section III - Federal Award Findings and Questioned Costs**

None noted.

**TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT OF BUTLER COUNTY, OHIO**  
Schedule of Prior Year Audit Findings  
Year Ended December 31, 2009

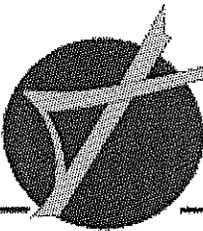
**Financial Statement Findings**

**Finding 2008-1 – Audit Adjustments**

During the course of our audit, we identified misstatements in the financial statements for the year under audit that were not initially identified by the District's internal control. Throughout the year, the District maintains its books and records on a cash basis of accounting and converts its financial statements at year end to generally accepted accounting principles. The audit adjustments were necessary to correct errors in the District's conversion process. A description of the adjustment follows.

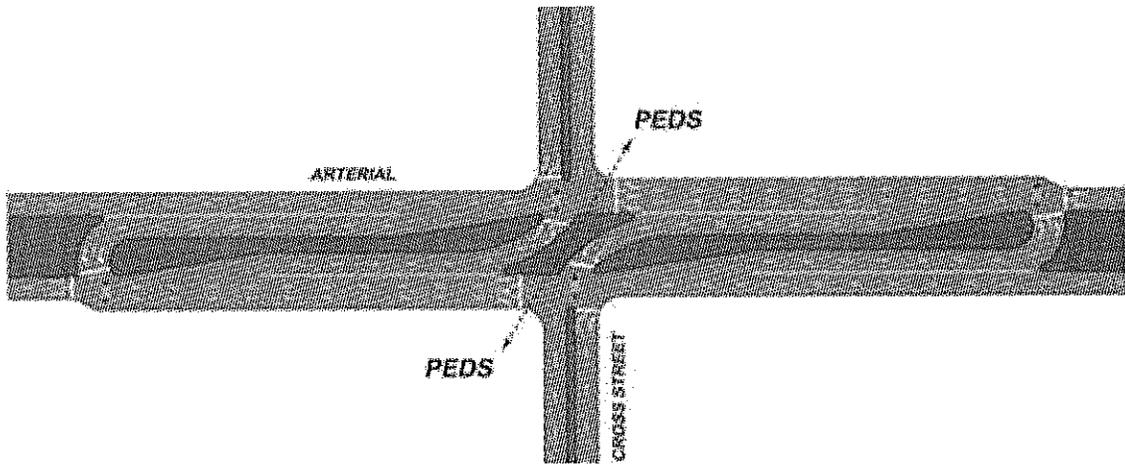
- **Net Assets.** An audit adjustment was necessary to correct the District's restrictions of net assets. The District miscalculated net assets invested in capital assets net of related debt by \$17,026,890 and net assets restricted for capital projects by \$7,874,713.

**Status:** Audit adjustments were noted during the current audit. Finding will be re-issued as Finding 2009-1.

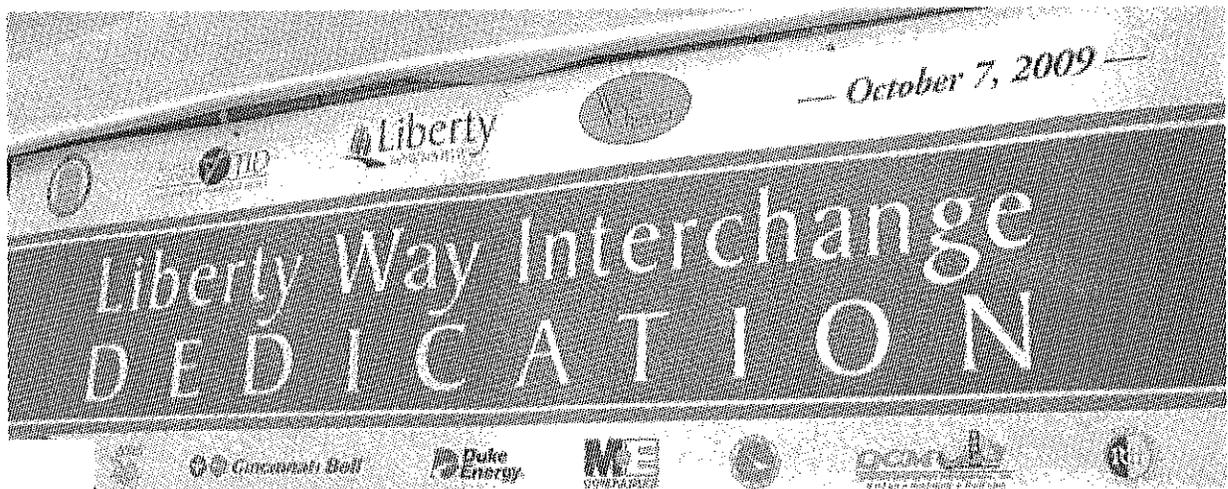
BUTLER COUNTY  TID  
TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

Comprehensive Annual Financial Report  
For the Year Ended December 31, 2009

What is a superstreet? - Details inside



The Interchange opens



*Transportation Improvement District  
of Butler County, Ohio*



**Comprehensive Annual Financial Report**  
For the Year Ended December 31, 2009

Prepared by: Sean Fraunfelter, CPA - Finance Department

**Transportation Improvement District of Butler County, Ohio**  
**Comprehensive Annual Financial Report**  
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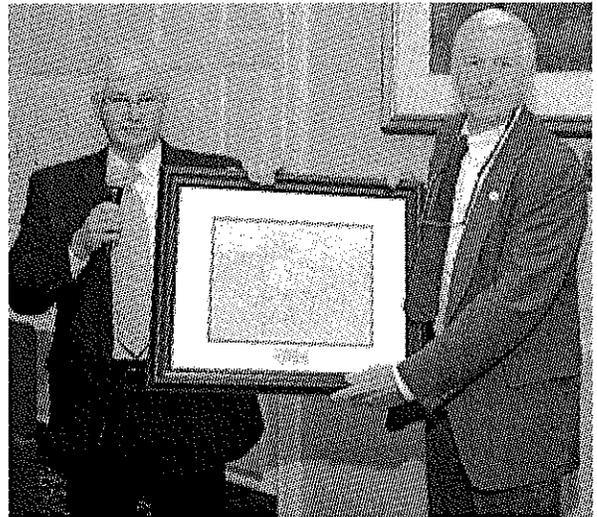
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# INTRODUCTORY

## SECTION



The District's Executive Director, Ronald Porter, presents framed sketches of the Liberty Way development plan to our local funding partners on the project. Top Left - Commissioner Chuck Furman, Top Right - Liberty Township Trustee David Kern, Bottom - West Chester Township Trustee George Lang

June 23, 2010

To the Citizens of Butler County and the Butler County Transportation Improvement District Board of Trustees:

We are pleased to present the Butler County Transportation Improvement District (TID) Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for the year ended December 31, 2009. This report contains basic financial statements and other financial and statistical information — providing complete and full disclosure of all financial aspects of the TID for 2009.

Responsibility for the accuracy, completeness and fairness of this report rests with the TID and the Finance Department, in particular. This report was prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America set forth by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) and other recognized authoritative sources. This report is representative of the TID's commitment to provide complete financial information to the citizens of Butler County.

## **FORM OF GOVERNMENT AND REPORTING ENTITY**

The Butler County TID was created on June 30, 1993, under the auspices of House Bill 154 and Ohio Revised Code Section 5540.02. On December 7, 1993, the Butler County Commissioners authorized the creation of the TID by resolution 93-12-2209. This resolution brought the TID together as an organized entity on January 31, 1994. The TID includes all of the territory within the following political subdivisions of Butler County: the City of Hamilton, the City of Fairfield, Fairfield Township, West Chester Township and Liberty Township. The City of Hamilton appointed one of their positions that represents the Cities of Middletown, Monroe and Trenton. The Board of Trustees appointed a representative from the City of Oxford as their board appointment. With these changes, the TID Board and local governments have worked to broaden the reach of the TID.

The TID is a jointly governed organization — both corporate and politic — given the powers to finance, construct, maintain, repair, and operate transportation systems. The TID is governed by a Board of Trustees which acts as the authoritative and legislative body. The Board of Trustees currently is comprised of eighteen members, of which thirteen are voting and five are non-voting. Of the eighteen, three are elected as officers of the TID: the Chair, Vice-Chair and Secretary-Treasurer. Each officer serves a one-year term. TID Board members are appointed by the following member governments: Butler County, the City of Hamilton, the City of Fairfield, Fairfield Township, Liberty Township, West Chester Township, the State of Ohio, and the Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana Regional Council of Governments. The Butler County Engineer is designated by law as a member.

The Board Chair is appointed annually by the Board of Trustees. The Chair is responsible for presiding at all Board meetings and is the chief legislative officer of the TID. The Executive Director of the TID, also hired by the Board of Trustees, serves as chief executive officer of the TID as prescribed by the Board of Trustees.

This report presents the financial activity of the District in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP) as set forth by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) and other recognized authoritative sources, and is consistent with the reporting model as promulgated by GASB Statement No. 34.

GAAP requires management to provide a narrative introduction, overview and analysis to accompany the basic financial statements in the form of Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A). This letter of transmittal is designed to complement MD&A and should be read in conjunction with it. The District's MD&A can be found immediately following the report of the independent accountants.

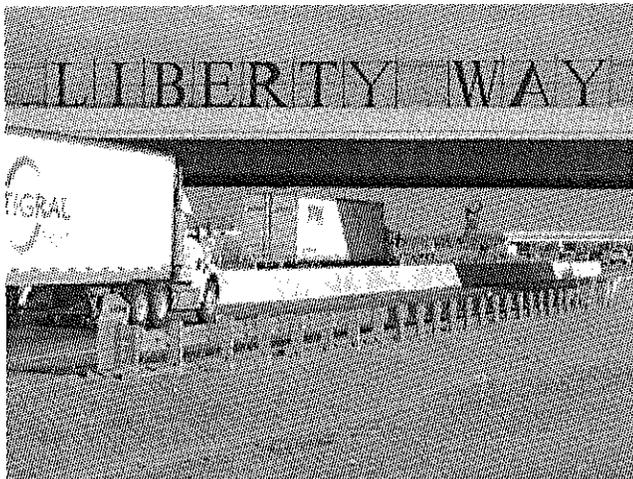
## **MAJOR INITIATIVES - TID completes the Liberty Way Interchange and secures Bypass 4 funding.**

### *Liberty Interchange*

Liberty and West Chester Townships have experienced substantial economic development from the State Route 129 Extension at Cincinnati-Dayton Road over the past several years as Cincinnati Children's Hospital now has a full service facility just to northwest of the Interchange, the Health Alliance has opened a multiple story hospital facility building and significant other commercial development has occurred in the area.

The Liberty Township anticipates more commercial usage by utilizing over three hundred acres of prime development on the eastern end of the State Route 129 Extension. The Township approached the TID in 2001 to manage a feasibility study modifying the State Route 129 Extension into a full interchange at Interstate 75. The TID started extending Cox Road from Hamilton-Mason Road, where it currently ends, north through Liberty Township as a parallel facility or arterial to Interstate 75. The ultimate destination point would be State Route 63. The State Route 129 Extension would then extend connections to the local arterial network.

It all started with a community meeting in 2003 that led to the finished project you see on the right. The double interchange is referred to as a collector-distributor and allows for motorists to now use Liberty Way as another way to enter into Liberty and West Chester Townships.

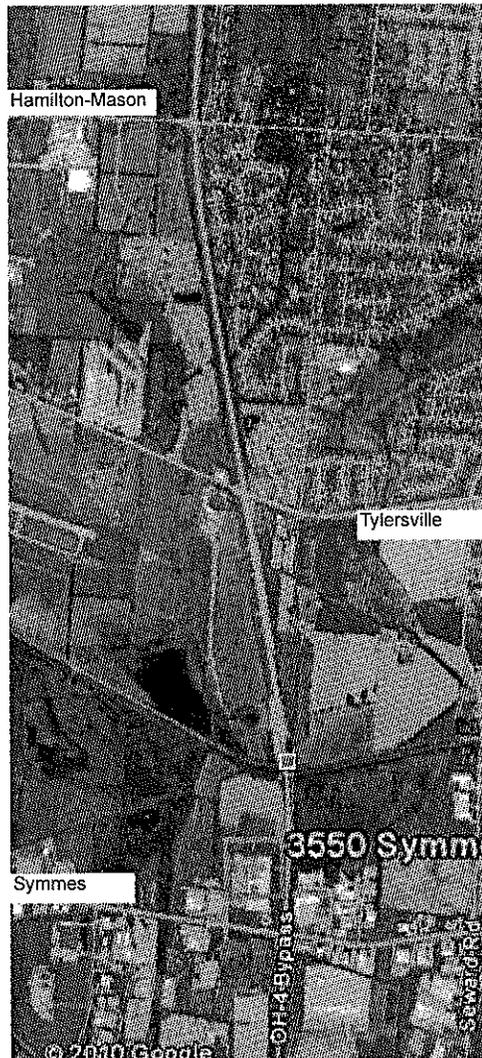
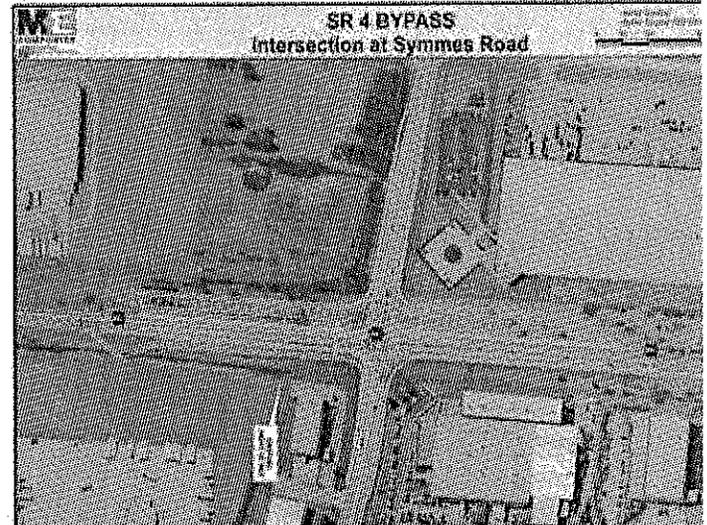


Late in 2007, many interested parties gathered to witness the groundbreaking and less than two years after that cold and wet day, much of that same group gathered together on a nice October afternoon to cut the ribbon on the Liberty Way Interchange. The District's local funding partners, Butler County, Liberty Township and West Chester Township pledged tax dollars from the interchange area to issue over \$41 million in bonds to construct this interchange and related roadway improvements. If it was not for their forward thinking and progressive thinking to invest in the future this interchange would have never been built.

## ***Bypass State Route 4 Widening/Airport Access***

There is a significant amount of history associated with the Bypass widening that anyone with Butler County knows all about. Today, the amount of traffic on the Bypass has called for a new design concept called a "superstreet" that would be required at three of the intersections. For example, the superstreet design at Ohio 4 Bypass and Hamilton-Mason Road, a driver westbound on Hamilton-Mason -- in order to continue west on that road -- would (1) turn right, or northbound, onto the bypass, (2) proceed to the left to the median crossover, (3) make a left U-turn onto the southbound bypass lanes and (4) then turn right at Hamilton-Mason. Through traffic on the bypass would continue without turns. (See below)

2009 provide a very successful year in many aspects for the Bypass 4 widening project. The District successfully submitted an American Reinvestment Recovery Act application that is paying for part of the construction on Phase 2 (picture here). The District also has funding through Ohio Kentucky Indiana Regional Council of Governments program, Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) funding, Federal Highway (FHWA) Safety Grant money and other grant funding. The District is responsible for Phase 2 (Symmes Road intersection) and Phase 3 (Tylersville Road intersection). The Butler County Engineer is the lead on Phase 1 (Hamilton-Mason Road intersection) and the City of Fairfield is handling Phase 1 (south of Symmes to SR4).



The local governments, Butler County, Fairfield Township and the City of Hamilton, pledged future tax dollars from the area to issue a \$7.2 million economic recovery zone bond in December 2009. The City of Fairfield is paying one hundred percent of their phase. The local governments original commitment to fund the local share was significantly reduced with the District's ability to generate grant and low interest bearing bonds for the project.

The timing of construction for the four phases of the project are all very similar. Phases 1 (Hamilton Mason), 3 (Tylersville) and 4 will all be bid in early spring and should be under construction during the same time. Phase 2 (Symmes) will be out to construction in the summer.

The various traffic studies that were completed under the requirements of ODOT and FHWA require that a certain level of service be sustained through 2030 projections when undertaking a project of this size. If the Bypass 4 project was completed in a manner similar to other road widening projects, then the projected traffic scenarios produced a failing result. ODOT required the District to look at alternative intersection designs since construction of three full interchanges was not fiscally feasible. The preferred design ended up being what is now called "superstreet". There is a video on the District's website where you can view a projection of what a superstreet will look like.

## **ECONOMIC CONDITION AND OUTLOOK**

The TID has seen state and federal project government financing on the decline. With continued State of Ohio budget cuts, the local governments are strapped for finding ways to allocate money for major infrastructure projects. The State has also continued with its restrictions on funding certain projects through their TRAC Program. The local governments that participate in TID projects continue to be aggressive with their economic development plans. Without this forward thinking of our local government officials, the TID would be in jeopardy of financing projects.

The TID can work with local officials to bring together an interchange or a widening project, but these projects can't happen without the financing commitment from the local governments. With tight budgets, local governments have turned to alternative methods for financing construction projects that are necessary for either safety improvements or to bring in more development for the area. More tax increment financing areas are being used with joint economic districts being discussed more and more as ways to pay for these necessary improvements.

## **TID INTERNAL CONTROLS**

In developing and evaluating the TID's accounting system, consideration is given to the adequacy of internal accounting control. Internal accounting controls are designed to provide reasonable assurance regarding: 1. The safeguarding of assets against loss from unauthorized use or disposition or 2. The reliability of financial records for preparing financial statements and maintaining accountability of assets. The TID has a small staff for complete segregation of duties, but everything is done to the best of the current staffing abilities to ensure as many internal controls over cash, check writing and authorizations are in place.

## **SIGNIFICANT FINANCIAL POLICIES**

The TID operates through administrative fees with local governments that participate in TID projects. The TID has the ability to purchase land that is not considered for right of way purposes and hold for future resale. The TID has significant land along Hamilton Mason Road that will be critical to the long term financial health of the TID, as well as provide possible funding alternatives to its project base.

## **FACTORS AFFECTING FINANCIAL CONDITION**

The TID operates from four financial sources: a state annual operating grant, investment interest revenue, local government contributions and a three percent administration charge on project management services. The TID Board and Butler County Commission have been reviewing alternative funding sources and will continue to do so. For additional information on the financial condition of the TID, please review the Management Discussion and Analysis starting on page 3 of the report.

From a long term financial planning perspective, the TID board and staff continue to evaluate future projects that will provide the District with the additional administrative revenue necessary to fund operations. The District's ability to work on future projects such as the South Hamilton Crossing or the State Route 63 extension is critical for the District and also for the local governments throughout Butler County.

## **AUDIT**

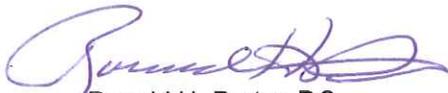
An audit team from Clark Schaefer Hackett & Company has performed this year's audit. The results of the audit are presented in the Independent Auditors Report.

## AWARDS AND ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

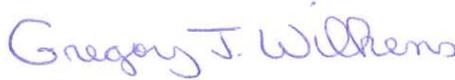
The Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) awarded a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting to the TID for its comprehensive annual financial report (CAFR) for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2008. This was the fourteenth consecutive year that the TID has received this award for excellence and the tenth year reporting under the guidelines of GASB Statement No. 34. In order to be awarded a Certificate of Achievement, the TID published a clear and effective CAFR.

The TID staff works to develop a level of professionalism and sound financial reporting. The preparation and publication of this CAFR serves as a cornerstone for the TID's efforts. A special note of acknowledgment is presented to our Board of Trustees for their knowledge and dedication serving as volunteers to the TID. The report demonstrates a level of accountability that we strive to maintain each year. We hope this report increases public confidence in the operation and management of the TID. The report also provides a fair presentation of the financial condition of the TID as of and for the year ended December 31, 2009.

Respectfully submitted,



Ronald H. Porter, P.S.  
Executive Director



Gregory J. Wilkens, P.E., P.S.  
Secretary/Treasurer - TID Board of Trustees



Sean Fraunfelder, CPA  
Finance and Administration

# Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting

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## Butler County Transportation Improvement District, Ohio

For its Comprehensive Annual  
Financial Report  
for the Fiscal Year Ended  
December 31, 2008

A Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting is presented by the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada to government units and public employee retirement systems whose comprehensive annual financial reports (CAFRs) achieve the highest standards in government accounting and financial reporting.



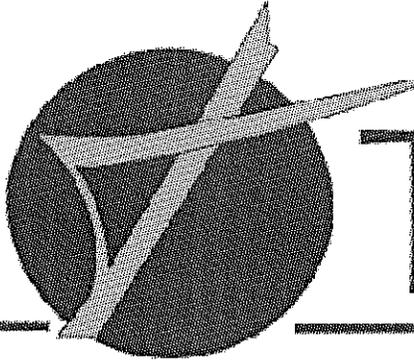
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President

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Executive Director

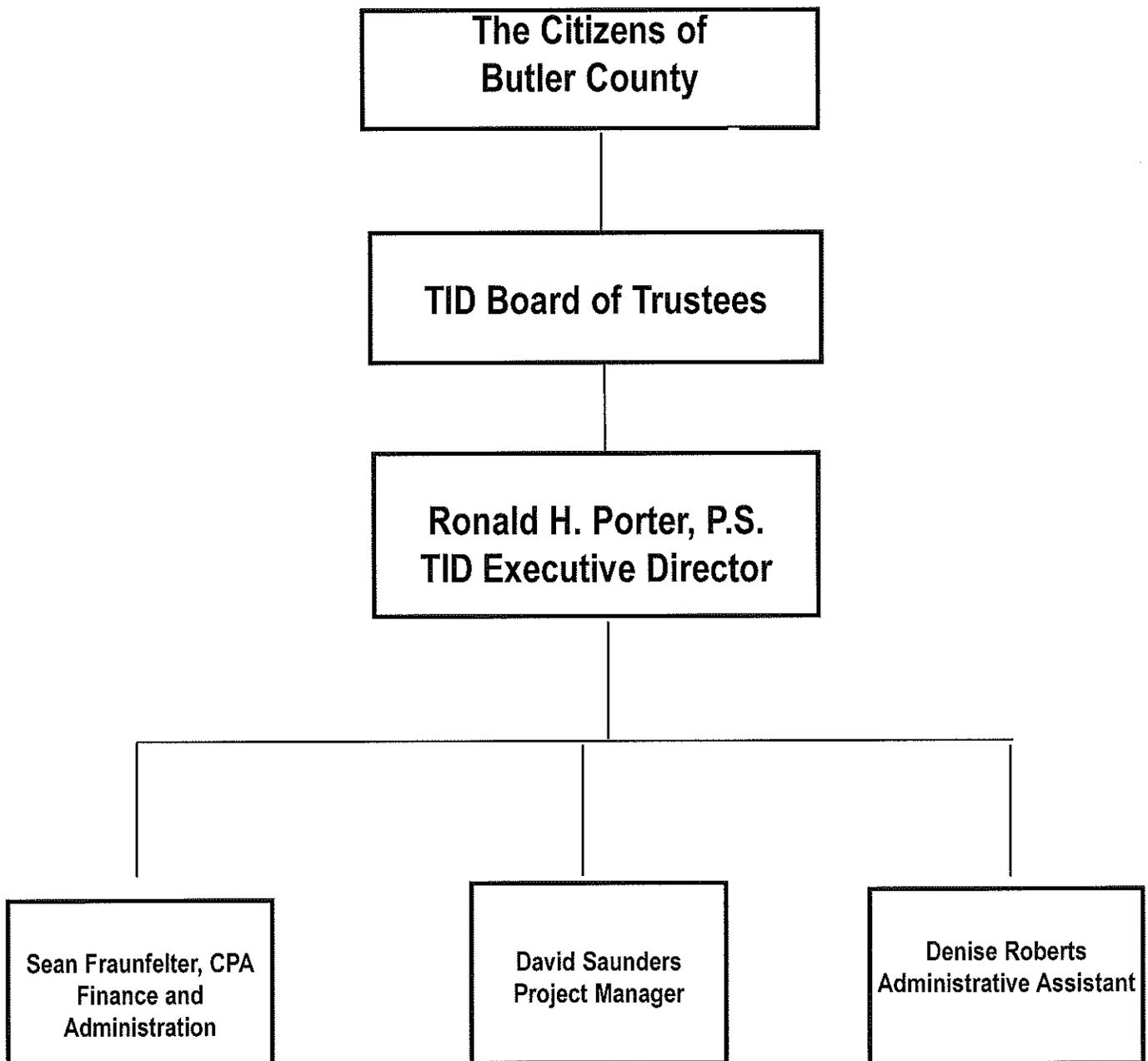
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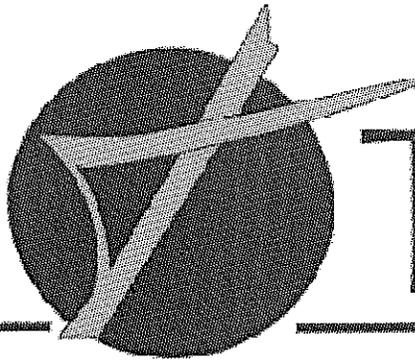
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**TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT**

**2009 Staff Organizational Chart**



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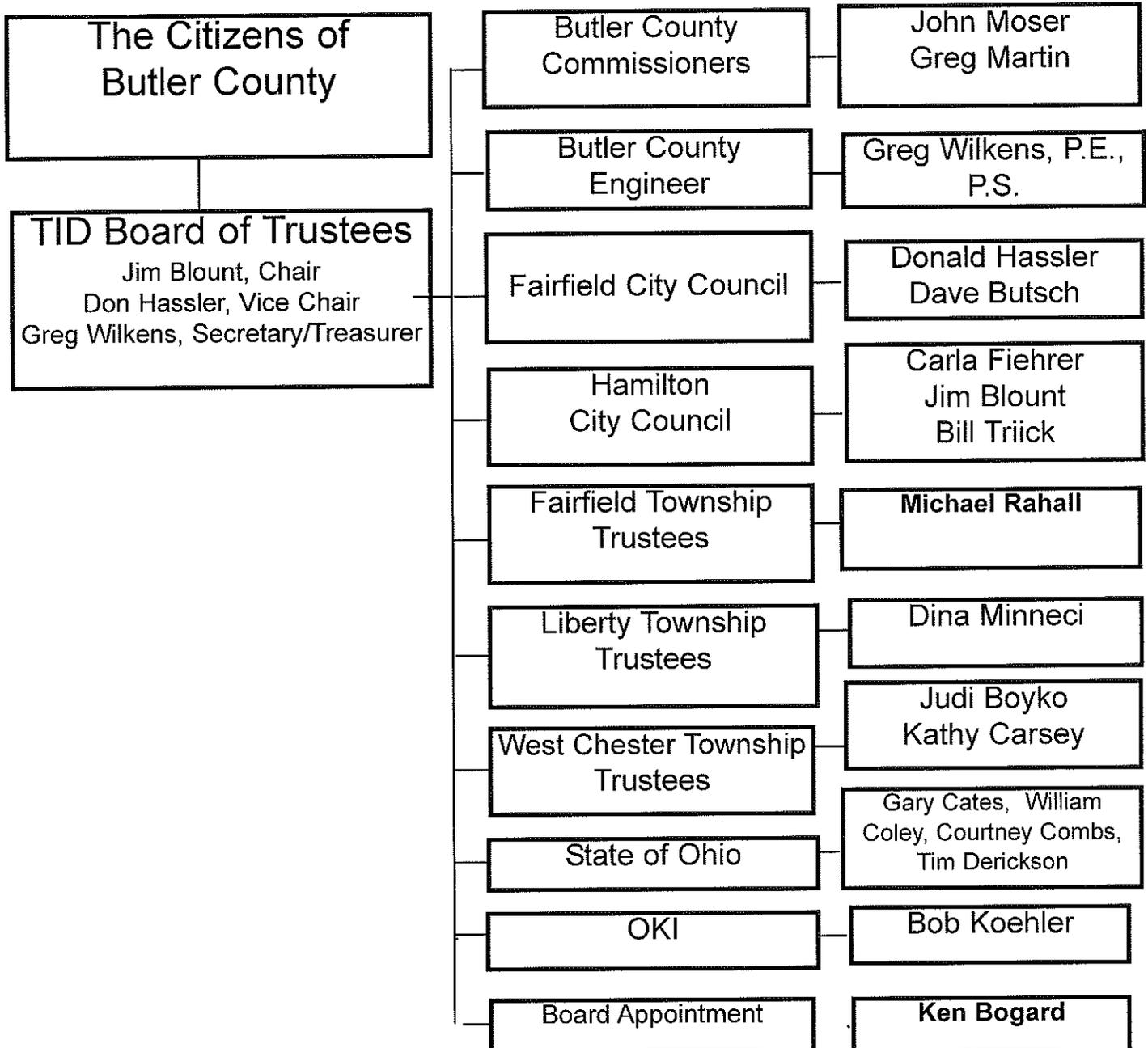


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TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

2009 Board of Trustees

Organizational Chart



# FINANCIAL

# SECTION



State Route Bypass 4 looking south from the Hamilton-Mason Road intersection. The orange barrels are getting to be placed as the Bypass is widened to four lanes including superstreets at three intersections.

## INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Board of Trustees  
Transportation Improvement District of Butler County, Ohio:

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Transportation Improvement District of Butler County, Ohio (the District) as of and for the year ended December 31, 2009, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the District's management. Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and the significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinions.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Transportation Improvement District of Butler County, Ohio as of December 31, 2009, and the respective changes in financial position thereof for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated June 21, 2010, on our consideration of the District's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* and should be considered in assessing the results of our audit.

The Management's Discussion and Analysis and the budgetary comparison information on pages 3 through 10 and 35 through 37, respectively, are not a required part of the basic financial statements but are supplementary information required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. We have applied certain limited procedures, which consisted principally of inquiries of management regarding the methods of measurement and presentation of the required supplementary information. However, we did not audit the information and express no opinion on it.

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Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Transportation Improvement District of Butler County, Ohio's basic financial statements. The introductory section, combining and individual nonmajor fund financial statements and schedules, and statistical tables are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. The combining and individual nonmajor fund financial statements and schedules have been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, are fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole. The introductory section and statistical tables have not been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on them.

*Clark, Schaefer, Hachett & Co.*

Cincinnati, Ohio  
June 21, 2010

**TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT OF BUTLER COUNTY, OHIO  
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2009**

Our discussion and analysis of the Transportation Improvement District of Butler County, Ohio's financial performance provides an overview of the District's financial activities for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2009. Please review it in conjunction with the transmittal letter and the District's basic financial statements, which begin on page 11.

**FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS**

- Total net assets increased \$1.4 million, which represents a 5.44 percent increase from 2008 as the participating governments paid in a significant amount of pledged revenues from the Liberty Interchange financing along with the impact the increase in capital assets and issuance of Special Obligations Bonds for the State Route 4 Bypass project issued in December had on the bottom line.
- General revenues accounted for \$0.4 million in revenues or 9 percent of all revenues. Program specific revenues in the form of charges for services and capital grants accounted for \$3.9 million or 91 percent of all revenues.
- The District added \$11.2 million in capital assets during the current year as the fourth phase of the Liberty Interchange project and the new interchange at Interstate 75 were completed.
- Among the major funds, the Liberty Interchange fund had expenditures of \$12.3 million as the District spent significant dollars completing the construction of the project.
- Since inception, the District has spent over \$282 million on construction projects in Butler County proving the District is a vital governmental tool to be used by the local governments to help increase the movement of the Butler County residents and open up valuable acreage for development that will keep Butler County as one of the growing communities in Ohio.

**USING THIS ANNUAL REPORT**

This annual report consists of a series of financial statements. The Statement of Net Assets and the Statement of Activities (on pages 11-12) provide information about the activities of the District as a whole and present a longer-term view of the District's finances. Fund financial statements start on page 14. These statements tell how these services were financed in the short term as well as what remains for future spending. Fund financial statements also report the District's operations in more detail than the government-wide statements by providing information about the District's most financially significant funds.

**Reporting the District as a Whole**

The Statement of Net Assets and the Statement of Activities

Our analysis of the District as a whole begins on page 4. One of the most important questions asked about the District's finances is "Is the District as a whole better off or worse as a result of the year's activities?" The Statement of Net Assets and the Statement of Activities report information about the District as a whole and about its activities in a way that helps answer this question. These statements include all assets and liabilities using the accrual basis of accounting, which is similar to accounting used by most private-sector companies. Accrual of the current year's revenues and expenses are taken into account regardless of when cash is received or paid.

These two statements report the District's *net assets* and changes in them. You can think of the District's net assets, the difference between assets, what the District owns, and liabilities, what the District owes, as one way to measure the District's financial health, or *financial position*. Over time, *increases or decreases* in the District's net assets are one indicator of whether its *financial health* is improving or deteriorating. You will need to consider other nonfinancial factors, however, such as changes in the District's jurisdiction, the availability of capital project needs and continuing local government support to assess the *overall health* of the District.

## Reporting the District's Most Significant Funds

### Fund Financial Statements

Our analysis of the District's major funds begins on page 7. The fund financial statements begin on page 14 and provide detailed information about the most significant funds-not the District as a whole. Some funds are required to be established by State law. However, the Board of Trustees establishes many other funds to help control and manage money for particular purposes (ex. various capital projects funds). The District only has governmental funds.

*Governmental Funds:* The District's services are reported in governmental funds, which focus on how money flows into and out of those funds and the balances left at year-end that are available for spending. These funds are reported using an accounting method called *modified accrual* accounting, which measures cash and all other financial assets that can readily be converted to cash. The governmental fund statements provide a detailed *short-term view* of the District's operations and the services it provides. Governmental fund information helps you determine whether there are more or fewer financial resources that can be spent in the near future to finance the District's programs. We describe the relationship (or differences) between governmental *activities* (reported in the Statement of Net Assets and the Statement of Activities) and governmental funds in a reconciliation beside the fund financial statements.

*Notes to the Financial Statements:* The notes provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the governmental-wide and fund financial statements. The notes to the financial statements can be found on pages 18-33 of this report.

*Other information:* In addition to the basic financial statements and accompanying notes, this report also presents combining and individual fund statements and schedules and statistical information which can be found on pages 34-60 of this report.

## THE DISTRICT AS A WHOLE

The District's total net assets changed slightly from a year ago, increasing from \$26.0 million to \$27.4 million. Our analysis below focuses on the net assets (Table 1) and changes in net assets (Table 2) of the District's governmental activities.

Table 1  
Net Assets (in millions)

	2008	2009		2008	2009
Current and other assets	\$ 17.8	\$ 15.1	Net assets:		
Capital assets	51.8	62.9	Invested in capital asset	\$ 18.5	\$ 20.0
Total Assets	69.6	78.0	Restricted	6.9	5.5
			Unrestricted	0.6	1.9
Long-term obligations	(42.7)	(50.0)	Total net assets	\$ 26.0	\$ 27.4
Other liabilities	(0.9)	(0.6)			
Total Liabilities	(43.6)	(50.6)			

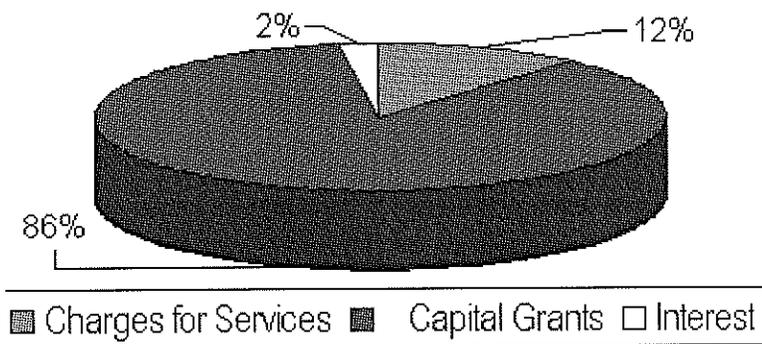
Net assets of the District's activities increased 5.44 percent or \$1.4 million. Unrestricted net assets, the part of net assets that can be used to finance day-to-day operations without constraints established by debt covenants, enabling legislation, or other legal requirements - increased by \$1.3 million from 2008 as outstanding reimbursements were received. The largest increase was in invested capital assets where the District realized a \$1.5 million increase as final phase and interchange portion of the project was completed. This project is the District's third interchange on Interstate 75 since 1997. Long term obligations increased by 17% from 2008 with the bond issuance on the State Route 4 Bypass widening project.

Table 2 compares the 2009 change in net assets to the 2008 change in net assets.

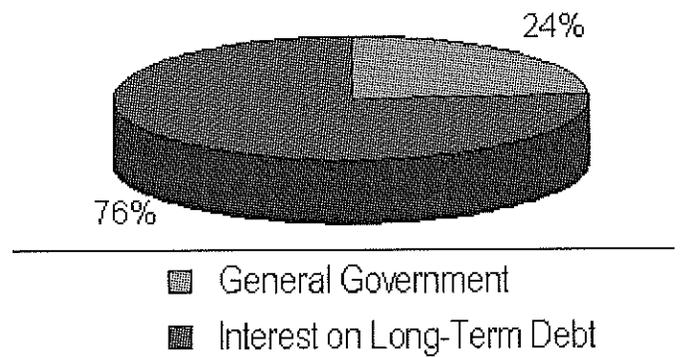
Table 2  
Changes in Net Assets for 2009  
Compared with 2008 activity  
(in millions)

	2008	2009	Change
<b>Program Revenues:</b>			
Charges for Services	\$ 0.6	\$ 0.2	\$ (0.4)
Capital Grants	7.2	3.7	(3.5)
<b>General Revenues:</b>			
Other	0.8	0.4	(0.4)
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>8.6</b>	<b>4.3</b>	<b>(4.3)</b>
<b>Program Expenses</b>			
General Government	0.4	0.7	0.3
Fiscal Charges	0.3	-	(0.3)
Interest of Long-Term Debt	1.8	2.2	0.4
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>2.5</b>	<b>2.9</b>	<b>0.4</b>
<b>Change in Net Assets</b>	<b>6.1</b>	<b>1.4</b>	<b>(4.7)</b>
<b>Beginning Net Assets</b>	<b>19.9</b>	<b>26.0</b>	<b>6.1</b>
<b>Ending Net Assets</b>	<b>\$ 26.0</b>	<b>\$ 27.4</b>	<b>\$ 1.4</b>

2009 Governmental Activities Revenues



2009 Governmental Activities Expenses



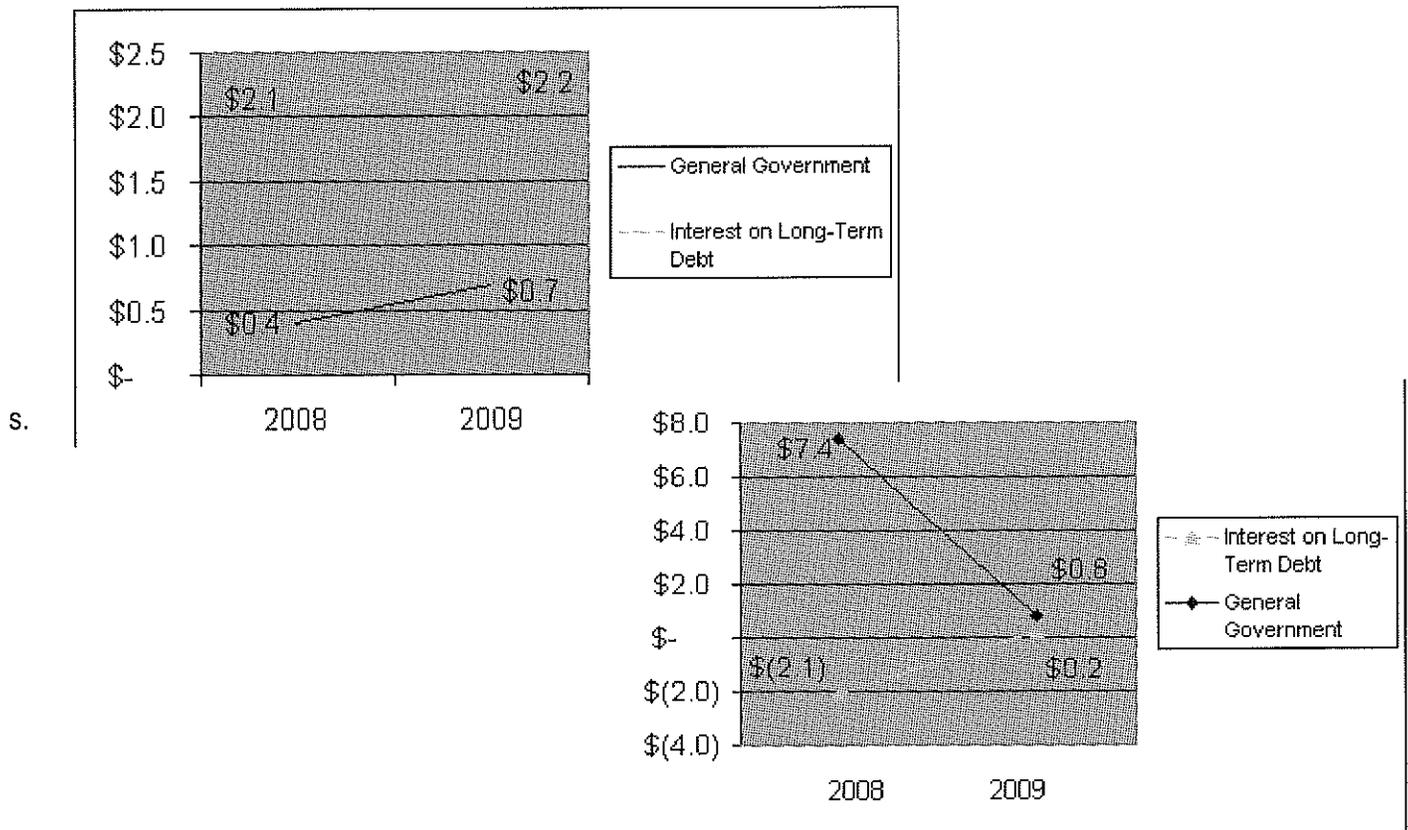
The District saw expenses increase over 2008 as more costs were spent on interest charges with two bonds outstanding during 2009. The District saw several large changes in the revenues during the year. The most significant was in capital grants and contributions that decreased \$3.5 million from 2008. The majority of the decrease was from the District receiving the \$3 million assessment from the County on the Cox Road Extension in 2008. The District saw interest rates dwindle to almost nothing causing a significant reduction in the interest earnings for the related construction and bond accounts, represented in other revenue.

Table 3 presents the cost of each of the District's programs as well as each program's net cost (total cost less revenues generated by activities). The net cost shows the financial burden that was placed on the District by each of these functions.

Table 3  
Governmental Activities  
(in millions)

	Total Cost of Services		Net Cost of Services	
	2008	2009	2008	2009
General Government	\$ 0.4	\$ 0.7	\$ 7.4	\$ 0.8
Interest on Long-Term Debt	2.1	2.2	(2.1)	0.2
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 2.5</b>	<b>\$ 2.9</b>	<b>\$ 5.3</b>	<b>\$ 1.0</b>

The graphs below depict the change in cost of services for the program expenses from 2008 to 2009 and also shows the net cost of services for those expenses in the two years.



## THE DISTRICT'S FUNDS

Table 4 presents the fund balances of the individual major funds and total nonmajor funds and an analysis of significant changes in the fund balances.

Table 4  
Year End Fund Balances  
in (Millions)

	2008	2009	% Change
General	\$ 3.2	\$ 3.5	9.4%
State Route 747	(0.7)	(0.1)	700.0%
Liberty Interchange	12.8	3.2	-75.2%
State Route 4 Bypass Widening	(0.2)	6.8	3400.0%
Nonmajor Funds	-	-	-100.0%
Total Governmental Balances	\$ 15.1	\$ 13.4	-11.4%

The 9.4% increase in the **General Fund** can be credited to the District receiving an additional administrative fee from the Liberty Interchange right of way and construction management for about \$0.20 million during 2009 as well as granted an easement on the District's property for the Duke Energy substation.

The 700% increase for the **State Route 747 Fund** is attributed to receipt of the utility relocation invoice from the Ohio Department of Transportation. This invoice was recorded as deferred revenue in 2008.

The 75.2% decrease for the **Liberty Interchange Fund** is attributed to spending down the bond proceeds for construction of the final two phases on the project.

The **State Route Bypass 4 Widening Fund** increased by 3450% from the prior year as the District issued \$7.3 million in special obligations bonds during December 2009. These funds will be used as the local share for three phases of the project. The project participants were also successful in its application for stimulus funds on two phases of the project with a significant amount of other funding being provided by various grants. The use of these alternatives have helped reduced the overall local impact from about \$40 million to less than \$20 million.

Table 5 presents a summary of governmental fund revenues for the 2009 fiscal year and the amounts and percentages of increases and decreases in relation to the prior year.

Table 5  
Total Governmental Fund Revenues

	2009	Percent	Increase	Percent
<b>Revenue Source</b>	Amount	of Total	(Decrease)	Increase
			Over 2008	(Decrease)
Intergovernmental	\$ 4,182,486	85.4%	\$ (3,049,650)	-42.2%
Charges for Services	203,329	4.2%	(416,196)	-67.2%
Investment Earnings	77,411	1.6%	(799,710)	-91.2%
Change in Fair Value	-	0.0%	164,276	-100.0%
Other	433,769	8.8%	430,008	11433.3%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 4,896,995</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>\$ (3,671,272)</b>	<b>-42.8%</b>

The 42% decrease in **intergovernmental revenues** is related to the County assessment money received in 2008. The 67% decrease in **charges for services** can be related to the District drawing down \$0.2 million versus \$0.6 million in fees on the Liberty Interchange in 2009. **Interest and change in fair value** go hand in hand as the District saw the ability to invest in governmental agencies decrease (none in 2009) with the interest rate free fall. The District put the majority of available funds in certificates of deposit. The District's increase in **other revenues** relates to the Duke Energy easment as well as payments on properties in the Liberty Interchange project area (this money is obligated to be used within the project as bond dollars were used to acquire the original parcels. The total amount for this portion is \$123,500).

Table 6 presents the General Fund budget and the difference between the original budget and final budget for fiscal year 2009. Table 7 discusses the variance between the final budget and the actual results for the fiscal year.

Table 6  
Original and Final Budget - General Fund

	Original	Final	Variance
<b>Revenues:</b>			
Intergovernmental	\$ 250,000	\$ 250,000	\$ -
Charges for Services	620,625	203,000	(417,625)
Investment Earnings	30,000	1,800	(28,200)
Other	-	310,300	310,300
<b>Expenditures:</b>			
Current:			
General Government	616,385	491,133	125,252

### Original versus Final Budget

The District had significant changes from original to final budget for 2009. First, the District had not anticipated drawing any administrative fees in 2008 but did during December 2008 after the initial 2009 budget was completed. The District increased the budget for other revenue as Duke Energy purchased an easement during the middle of the year. The expenditures for the District were reduced as the Executive Director reduced operating costs through various alternatives from the beginning to the end of the year.

Table 7  
Final Budget versus Actual Results  
General Fund

	Final Budget	Actual	Variance
<b>Revenues:</b>			
Intergovernmental	\$ 250,000	\$ 250,000	\$ -
Charges for Services	203,000	203,329	329
Investment Earnings	1,800	1,816	16
All Other	310,300	310,269	(31)
<b>Expenditures:</b>			
Current:			
General Government	491,133	463,680	27,453

### Final Budget versus Actual Results

The District was able to maintain the revenue at the level of anticipation based on completing the final budget during December 2009 and having relatively few sources. The expenditures had some items budgeted that were decided by the Executive Director for 2009 were not critical such as the business development line item. This expenditure was pushed back into 2010 for a particular project relations campaign.

## CAPITAL ASSETS AND DEBT ADMINISTRATION

### Capital Assets

At year-end, the District had \$62.9 million invested in land held for resale and construction in progress assets. This amount represents an increase of \$11.2 million, or 21%, over the last year. The District spent over \$10.3 million on the various construction components and right of way for the Liberty Interchange. For more information on capital assets, see Note 6 of the financial statements.

### Debt Administration

During the year, the District has \$41.1 million in special obligation bonds for construction of the Liberty Interchange related projects outstanding. The debt is backed by intergovernmental agreements with Liberty Township, Butler County and West Chester Township. The project financing would not have occurred without the commitment of those governments. The bonds were issued at a \$1.6 million premium to cover the first seven months of interest expense. The District will not pay any principal for the first five years of the issue.

During 2009, the District saw the City of Hamilton, Butler County and Fairfield Township agree to support a \$7.3 million special obligation bond for the local share on three phases of the State Route 4 Bypass widening project. The bonds were issued under the economic recovery zone bond program so the participating governments will receive a 45% credit on the interest paid. This is critical for helping reduce the overall burden to these governments.

For more detailed information on this transaction, refer to Note 8 of the basic financial statements.

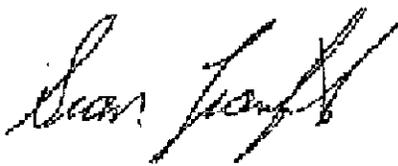
## ECONOMIC FACTORS

The District has operated solely in Southeastern Butler County since its 1994 formation. The District opened the Interchange at Liberty Way and Liberty Way West widening to the public during the fall of 2009. Along with the Cox Road Extension and Liberty Way East, these projects will open up hundreds of acres for commercial development that will generate additional property and income tax for the area, as well as sales tax. The District has been awarded over \$15.8 million in various grant dollars to help pay for the construction of the State Route 4 Bypass widening. When the road is widened from the Fairfield terminus to the State Route 129 extension it will allow for a free flow of traffic and open up other valuable sites in Fairfield, Hamilton and Fairfield Township for development.

It is important that the District is able to succeed in the development of these projects not only for Butler County and its residents, but also for the longevity of the District. The District has no continuing revenue source except an administration fee charged on the various projects that it conducts. With additional construction projects to better the transportation quality in Butler County, the District will be able to survive and continue to provide the residents of Butler County with an easier way to get from one place to the next.

## REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

This financial report is designed to provide a general overview of the District's finances for all those with an interest in the government's finances. Questions concerning any of the information provided in this report or requests for additional financial information should be addressed to the Office of the Finance Director, 1921 Fairgrove Ave., Hamilton, Ohio 45011



Sean Fraunfelter, CPA  
Finance and Administration



October aerial photograph of the Liberty Way interchange and development potential immediately adjacent to the interchange and the Cox Road extension.

**TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT OF BUTLER COUNTY, OHIO**

**STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS  
DECEMBER 31, 2009**

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<b>Assets:</b>	
<b>Current Assets:</b>	
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 868,637
Restricted Cash with Fiscal Agent	12,456,506
Accounts Receivable	11,924
Intergovernmental Receivables	554,576
<i>Total Current Assets</i>	13,891,643
<b>Noncurrent Assets:</b>	
Deferred Charges	1,196,627
Nondepreciable Capital Assets	62,980,534
<i>Total Noncurrent Assets</i>	64,177,161
<b>Total Assets</b>	78,068,804
<b>Liabilities:</b>	
<b>Current Liabilities:</b>	
Accounts Payable	155,690
Contracts Payable	289,692
Accrued Wages and Benefits	7,821
Intergovernmental Payable	2,539
Accrued Interest Payable	181,472
<i>Total Current Liabilities</i>	637,214
<b>Noncurrent Liabilities:</b>	
Special Obligation Bonds Payable	49,993,589
<i>Total Noncurrent Liabilities</i>	49,993,589
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	50,630,803
<b>Net Assets:</b>	
Invested in Capital Assets, net of related debt	20,005,940
Restricted for:	
Capital Improvements	1,865,601
Debt Service	3,694,810
Unrestricted	1,871,650
<b>Total Net Assets</b>	\$ 27,438,001

See accompanying notes to the financial statements

**TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT OF BUTLER COUNTY, OHIO**

**STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2009**

Functions/Programs	Expenses	Program Revenues		Net Revenue and Change in Net Assets Primary Government Governmental Activities
		Charges for Services	Capital Grants and Contributions	
<b>Primary Government:</b>				
Governmental Activities:				
General Government	\$ 715,520	\$ 203,329	\$ 1,345,354	\$ 833,163
Interest on Long-Term Debt	2,181,640	-	2,367,815	186,175
<b>Total Primary Government</b>	<b>\$ 2,897,160</b>	<b>\$ 203,329</b>	<b>\$ 3,713,169</b>	<b>1,019,338</b>
General Revenues:				
Unrestricted Investment Earnings				77,411
Miscellaneous				319,979
<b>Total General Revenues</b>				<b>397,390</b>
Change in Net Assets				1,416,728
Net Assets - Beginning				26,021,273
Net Assets - Ending				<b>\$ 27,438,001</b>

See accompanying notes to the financial statements



**TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT OF BUTLER COUNTY, OHIO**

**BALANCE SHEET -  
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
DECEMBER 31, 2009**

	General	State Route 747	Liberty Interchange	State Route 4 Bypass Widening
<b>Assets:</b>				
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 864,488	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Receivables:				
Accounts, net	1,875	-	10,049	-
Intergovernmental	-	513,002	12,337	29,237
Interfund Loan	2,692,412	-	-	-
Restricted Assets:				
Cash with Fiscal Agent	-	-	5,349,530	7,106,976
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$ 3,558,775</b>	<b>\$ 513,002</b>	<b>\$ 5,371,916</b>	<b>\$ 7,136,213</b>
<b>Liabilities and Fund Balances</b>				
<b>Liabilities:</b>				
Payable:				
Accounts	\$ 24,581	\$ 3,760	\$ 63,389	\$ 63,960
Contracts	-	-	289,692	-
Accrued Wages and Benefits	7,821	-	-	-
Intergovernmental	2,539	-	-	-
Interfund Loan	-	635,243	1,818,546	198,978
Deferred Revenue	-	10,038	22,386	29,237
Total Liabilities	<u>34,941</u>	<u>649,041</u>	<u>2,194,013</u>	<u>292,175</u>
<b>Fund Balances:</b>				
Reserved for:				
Encumbrances	-	-	760,567	309,103
Debt Service	-	-	3,694,810	-
Capital Improvements	-	-	1,654,720	7,106,976
Unreserved, reported in:				
General	3,523,834	-	-	-
Capital Projects (Deficit)	-	(136,039)	(2,932,194)	(572,041)
Total Fund Balances (Deficit)	<u>3,523,834</u>	<u>(136,039)</u>	<u>3,177,903</u>	<u>6,844,038</u>
<b>Total Liabilities and Fund Balances</b>	<b>\$ 3,558,775</b>	<b>\$ 513,002</b>	<b>\$ 5,371,916</b>	<b>\$ 7,136,213</b>

See accompanying notes to the financial statements

**Reconciliation of Total Governmental Fund Balances to  
Net Assets of Governmental Activities  
December 31, 2009**

Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds		
		<b>Total Governmental Fund Balances</b>	<b>\$ 13,374,240</b>
		<i>Amounts reported in governmental activities in the statement of net assets are different because:</i>	
\$ 4,149	\$ 868,637	Capital assets used in the governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore are not reported in the funds.	62,980,534
-	11,924	Other assets are not available to pay for current period expenditures and therefore are deferred in the funds.	61,661
-	554,576		
-	2,692,412		
-	12,456,506		
\$ 4,149	\$ 16,584,055	Bond issuance costs reported as an expenditure in governmental funds are allocated as an expense over the life of the debt on a full accrual basis.	1,196,627
		Long-term liabilities are not due and payable in the current period and therefore are not reported in the funds.	(50,175,061)
\$ -	\$ 155,690	<b>Net Assets of Governmental Activities</b>	<b>\$ 27,438,001</b>
-	289,692		
-	7,821		
-	2,539		
39,645	2,692,412		
-	61,661		
39,645	3,209,815		
-	1,069,670		
-	3,694,810		
-	8,761,696		
-	3,523,834		
(35,496)	(3,675,770)		
(35,496)	13,374,240		
\$ 4,149	\$ 16,584,055		

**TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT OF BUTLER COUNTY, OHIO**

**STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES  
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2009**

	<u>General</u>	<u>State Route 747</u>	<u>Liberty Interchange</u>	<u>State Route 4 Bypass Widening</u>
<b>Revenues:</b>				
Intergovernmental	\$ 250,000	\$ 565,907	\$ 2,454,057	\$ 912,522
Charges for Services	203,329	-	-	-
Investment Earnings	1,816	-	75,595	-
All Other	310,269	-	123,500	-
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>765,414</b>	<b>565,907</b>	<b>2,653,152</b>	<b>912,522</b>
<b>Expenditures:</b>				
Current:				
General Government	471,659	-	-	-
Capital Outlay	-	41,261	10,306,493	1,028,598
Debt Service:				
Issuance Costs	-	-	-	67,500
Interest and Fiscal Charges	-	-	1,983,475	136,568
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>471,659</b>	<b>41,261</b>	<b>12,289,968</b>	<b>1,232,666</b>
<b>Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures</b>	<b>293,755</b>	<b>524,646</b>	<b>(9,636,816)</b>	<b>(320,144)</b>
<b>Other Financing Sources</b>				
Face Value from Sale of Bonds	-	-	-	7,275,000
Premium on Sale of Bonds	-	-	-	109,796
<b>Total Other Financing Sources</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>7,384,796</b>
<b>Net Change in Fund Balances</b>	<b>293,755</b>	<b>524,646</b>	<b>(9,636,816)</b>	<b>7,064,652</b>
Fund Balances (Deficit) - beginning	3,230,079	(660,685)	12,814,719	(220,614)
<b>Fund Balances (Deficit) - ending</b>	<b>\$ 3,523,834</b>	<b>\$ (136,039)</b>	<b>\$ 3,177,903</b>	<b>\$ 6,844,038</b>

See accompanying notes to the financial statements

**Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and  
Changes in Fund Balances of Governmental Funds to the  
Statement of Activities  
For the Year Ended December 31, 2009**

Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds		
		<b>Net Change in Governmental Fund Balances</b>	<b>\$ (1,753,763)</b>
\$ -	\$ 4,182,486	<b>Amounts reported for the governmental activities in the statement of activities are different because:</b>	
-	203,329		
-	77,411		
-	433,769		
-	4,896,995	Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures; however, in the statement of activities, the cost of those assets is allocated to the projects as construction in progress.	11,202,491
-	471,659	Governmental funds report premiums as other financing sources, whereas these amounts are deferred and amortized on the statement of activities.	(50,644)
-	11,376,352		
-	67,500	Revenues in the statement of activities that do not provide current financial resources are not reported as such in the funds.	(712,259)
-	2,120,043		
-	14,035,554	In the statement of activities, interest and charges are accrued on outstanding bonds, whereas, in governmental funds, they are reported when due.	(16,432)
-	(9,138,559)		
-	7,275,000	The issuance of long term debt provides current financial resources to governmental funds, then the repayment reduces long-term liabilities in the statement of net assets. In the current year, this amount is:	(7,252,665)
-	109,796		
-	7,384,796	<b>Change in Net Assets of Governmental Activities</b>	<b><u>\$ 1,416,728</u></b>
-	(1,753,763)		
(35,496)	15,128,003		
<b>\$ (35,496)</b>	<b>\$ 13,374,240</b>		

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**NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**A. Reporting Entity**

The Transportation Improvement District of Butler County (the “District”) is a body, both corporate and politic, created for the purpose of financing, constructing, maintaining, repairing and operating selected transportation projects. The District was specifically formed under the auspices of House Bill 154, and Ohio Revised Code, Chapter 5540, as amended, and created by action of the Board of County Commissioners of Butler County on December 7, 1993.

The District is a jointly governed entity administered by a Board of Trustees (“Board”) that acts as the authoritative and legislative body of the entity. The Board is comprised of eighteen board members, of which thirteen are voting and five are non-voting appointed by the relative member governments. Of the eighteen, three are elected as officers of the District; Chair(person), Vice-Chair(person), and Secretary-Treasurer. Each Officer serves a term of one year; there are no term limits for reappointment. The member governments include the following political subdivisions: Butler County, the City of Hamilton, the City of Fairfield, Fairfield Township, West Chester Township, Liberty Township, the State of Ohio, and the Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana Regional Council of Governments. No board members receive compensation for serving on the Board, except for the Director.

The Board of Trustees annually appoints the Chair(person) of the Board from existing board members. The Chair responsibilities are to preside at all meetings of the Board; be the chief officer of the District; perform all duties commonly incident to the position of presiding officer of a board, commission or business organization and exercise supervision over the business of the District, its officers and employees.

The Board of Trustees appoints a Director of the District. The position of the Director is a non-voting position on the Board, and the Director receives annual compensation for his duties. The compensation package of the Director is passed by resolution of the Board. The Director’s main responsibility is acting as chief executive officer of the District as prescribed by the Board of Trustees.

The accompanying statements of the District have been prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP) as applicable to governmental units. The financial statements include all organizations, activities, and functions that comprise the District. Component units are legally separate entities for which the District (the primary entity) is financially accountable. Financial accountability is defined as the ability to appoint a voting majority of the organization’s governing body and either (1) the District’s ability to impose its will over the organization or (2) the potential that the organization will provide a financial benefit to, or impose a financial burden on, the District. Using these criteria, the District has no component units.

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**NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)**

**B. Government-wide and fund financial statements**

The government-wide financial statements (i.e., the statement of net assets and the statement of changes in net assets) report information on all of the nonfiduciary activities of the primary government.

The statement of activities demonstrates the degree to which the direct expenses of a given function or segment are offset by program revenues. *Direct expenses* are those that are clearly identifiable with a specific function or segment. *Program revenues* include 1) charges to customers or applicants who purchase, use or directly benefit from goods, services, or privileges provided by a given function or segment and 2) grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular function or segment. Other items not properly included among program revenues are reported instead as *general revenues*. Major individual governmental funds are reported as separate columns in the fund financial statements.

**C. Measurement focus, basis of accounting, and financial statement presentation**

The government-wide financial statements are reported using the *economic resources measurement focus* and the *accrual basis of accounting*. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Grants and similar items are recognized as revenue as soon as all eligibility requirements imposed by the provider have been met.

Governmental fund financial statements are reported using the *current financial resources measurement focus* and the *modified accrual basis of accounting*. Revenues are recognized as soon as they are both measurable and available. Revenues are considered to be available when they are collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. For this purpose, the government considers revenues to be available if they are collected within sixty days of the end of the current fiscal period. Expenditures generally are recorded when a liability is incurred, as under accrual accounting.

Intergovernmental reimbursements associated with the current fiscal period are all considered susceptible to accrual and have been recognized as revenues of the current fiscal period within the government wide statements. All other revenue items are considered measurable and available only when the District receives the actual revenue.

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**NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)**

*Fund Accounting*

The District uses funds to maintain its financial records during the year. A fund is defined as a fiscal and accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts. The District only uses governmental funds.

*Governmental Funds*

Governmental funds are those through which most governmental functions typically are financed. Governmental funds reporting focuses on the sources, uses and balances of current financial resources. Expendable assets are assigned to the various governmental funds according to the purpose for which they may or must be used. Current liabilities are assigned to the fund from which they will be paid. The difference between governmental fund assets and liabilities is reported as fund balance.

The District reports the following major governmental funds:

General Fund – The General Fund is used to account for all financial resources of the District except those required to be accounted for in another fund. The general fund balance is available to the District for any purpose provided it is expended or transferred according to the general laws of Ohio and the bylaws of the District.

State Route 747 Capital Projects Fund – This fund accounts for the widening of State Route 747 from Tylersville Road to the State Route 129 Extension, also know as phase three of the widening project. The District completed the first phase in 2000 with the County Engineer completing the second phase during 2005. The District has completed actual construction during 2007 with closeout in 2009. This fund was also responsible for the engineering and certain real property associated with the Princeton Road intersection in Liberty Township. The construction of this section was completed by the County Engineer.

Liberty Interchange Capital Projects Fund – This project involves the reconfiguration of the current terminus of the State Route 129 Extension at Interstate 75. The interchange was reconstructed to allow an eastward movement through a collector-distributor connection with the Hamilton-Mason Road Bridge. This fund also accounts for the auxiliary road improvements around the interchange. The TID completed financing for the project during 2007 and started right of way acquisition in 2006. The ground breaking for the project was done in the fourth quarter of 2007. All of the project was completed and open to traffic in October 2009.

State Route 4 Bypass Widening Capital Projects Fund - To account for the engineering and environmental work to proceed with widening State Route 4 Bypass from the two terminus points on State Route 4. The TID and Butler County Engineer received stimulus funding and other state grants to complete phases one, two and three starting in 2010. The City of Fairfield will be under construction for their phases during 2010 also.

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**NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)**

***Revenues - Exchange and Non-Exchange Transactions***

Revenue resulting from exchange transactions, in which each party gives and receives essentially equal value, is recorded on the accrual basis when the exchange takes place. On a modified accrual basis, revenue is recorded in the fiscal year in which the resources are measurable and become available. Available means that the resources will be collected within the current fiscal year or are expected to be collected soon enough thereafter to be used to pay liabilities of the current fiscal year. For the District, available means expected to be received within sixty days of fiscal year-end.

Nonexchange transactions, in which the District receives value without directly giving value in return, includes grants and donations. On an accrual basis, revenue from grants and donations is recognized in the fiscal year in which all eligibility requirements have been satisfied. Eligibility requirements include timing requirements, which specify the year when the resources are required to be used or the fiscal year when use is first permitted, matching requirements, in which the District must provide local resources to be used for a specific purpose, and expenditure requirements, in which the resources are provided to the District on a reimbursement basis. On a modified accrual basis, revenue from nonexchange transactions must be available before it can be recognized.

***Expenses/Expenditures***

On an accrual basis of accounting, expenses are recognized at the time they are incurred. The measurement focus of governmental fund accounting is on decreases in net financial resources (expenditures) rather than expenses. Expenditures are generally recognized in the accounting period in which the related fund liability is incurred, if measurable.

**D. Cash and Cash Equivalents**

Cash received by the District is pooled for investment purposes. Equity interest in the pool is presented as “Cash and Cash Equivalents” on the statement of net assets and governmental fund balance sheet by activity or fund. The District utilizes a financial institution management of several trusts accounts for the State Route 4 Bypass Widening project. The District utilizes another financial institution for the management of several trusts accounts for the Liberty Interchange project. The balances in these accounts are presented on the financial statements as “Restricted Assets: Cash with Fiscal Agent.”

During fiscal year 2009, investments were limited to money market mutual funds.

Except for nonparticipating investment contracts, investments are reported at fair value that is based on quoted market prices. Investment contracts and money market investments that has a remaining maturity of one year or less at the time of purchase are reported at cost or amortized cost.

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**NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)**

Following Ohio statutes, the Board of Trustees has, by resolution, specified the funds to receive an allocation of interest earnings. Interest revenue credited to the general fund during fiscal year 2009 amounts to \$1,816, with no interest assigned to other funds as they maintain no cash balance and operate on a reimbursement basis. The Liberty Interchange capital projects fund also received interest on trust accounts of \$75,595.

For presentation in the financial statements, investments with an original maturity of three months or less at the time they are purchased by the District are considered to be cash equivalents. Investments with an original maturity of more than three months that are not purchased from the pool are reported as investments.

**E. Restricted Assets**

Restricted assets are cash and cash equivalents whose use is limited by legal requirements. Restricted cash with fiscal agent represent amounts required by debt covenant to be segregated for construction expenses and future debt service on the outstanding bonds.

**F. Interfund Transactions**

During the course of normal operations, the District has numerous transactions between funds.

On the governmental funds balance sheet, receivables and payables resulting from short-term interfund loans are classified as “interfund loan receivables/payables.” These amounts are eliminated on the statement of net assets.

**G. Capital Assets**

Capital assets generally result from expenditures in the governmental funds. These assets are reported on the government-wide statement of net assets but are not reported in the fund financial statements.

All capital assets are capitalized at cost (or estimated historical cost) and updated for additions and retirements during the year. The District maintains a capitalization threshold of \$5,000. The District does not possess any infrastructure. Improvements are capitalized; the cost of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend the asset’s life are not. The District maintains the ownership of the asset until a dedication plat is filed with the participating government for recording of the road. The District also owns several parcels of land at the end of the fiscal year that will be sold in future years to help finance TID operations or projects.

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**NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)**

**H. Compensated Absences**

The District does not accrue compensatory time on exempt employees. Sick leave is allowed to be carried over to the next fiscal year but can not be paid out in any case. Vacation time must be used in the year earned or all unused time expires unless the Executive Director grants remaining vacation balances to be carried over to the next year on an individual basis. The District has no compensated absence liability.

**I. Intergovernmental Revenues**

For governmental funds, intergovernmental revenues, such as contributions awarded on a non-reimbursement basis, are recorded as receivables and revenues when measurable and available.

**J. Reservations of Fund Balance**

The District records reservations for portions of fund equity which are legally segregated for specific future use or which do not represent available expendable resources and therefore, are not available for appropriations or expenditure in the governmental fund balance sheet. Unreserved fund balance indicates that portion of fund equity, which is available for appropriations, in future periods. Fund equity reserves have been established for encumbrances in the capital project funds, and for future debt service and capital improvements in the Liberty Interchange and State Route 4 Bypass Widening Funds.

If restricted and unrestricted assets are available for the same purpose, then restricted assets will be used before unrestricted assets.

**K. Net Assets**

Net assets present the difference between assets and liabilities in the statement of net assets. Net assets invested in capital assets are reduced by the outstanding balances of any borrowing used for the acquisition, construction or improvement of those assets. Net assets are reported as restricted when there are legal limitations imposed on their use by District legislation or external restrictions by creditors, grantors, laws or regulations of other governments.

**L. Estimates**

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported in the financial statements and accompanying notes. Actual results may differ from those estimates.

**M. Deferred Revenues**

The District reports deferred revenue in the governmental fund balance sheet. Deferred revenue arises when potential revenue does not meet both the measurable and available criteria for recognition in the current period. In general, monies received within sixty days after year-end are considered to have been for prior year services.

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**NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)**

**N. Reconciliation of government-wide and fund financial statements**

*Explanation of certain differences between the governmental fund balance sheet and the government-wide statement of net asset:*

The governmental fund balance sheet includes a reconciliation between *fund balance - total governmental funds* and *net assets - governmental activities* as reported in the government-wide statement of net assets. One element of that reconciliation explains that “long-term liabilities are not due and payable in the current period and therefore are not reported in the funds.” The details of this (\$50,175,061) difference are as follows:

Special Obligation Bonds Payable	(\$48,405,000)
Special Obligation Bonds - Premium	(1,588,589)
Accrued Interest Payable	(181,472)
Net Adjustment to reduce <i>fund balance - total governmental funds</i> to arrive at <i>net assets - governmental activities</i> ,	(\$50,175,061)

*Explanation of certain differences between the governmental fund statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances and the government-wide statement of activities:*

Another element of that reconciliation states that “The issuance of long term debt provides current resources to governmental funds, then the repayment reduces long term liabilities in the statement of net assets.” The details of this (\$7,252,665) are as follows:

Proceeds from issuance of special obligations bonds	(\$7,275,000)
Net impact new and amortization of bond issuance costs	22,335
Net Adjustment to decrease <i>fund balance - total governmental funds</i> to arrive at <i>net assets - governmental activities</i>	(\$7,252,665)

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**NOTE 2 – ACCOUNTABILITY**

**Fund Deficits**

As of December 31, 2009, State Route 747 and State Route 129 Extension Capital Projects Funds had deficit fund balances of \$136,039 and \$39,645 respectively. The deficits were created through the reimbursement process of the District's intergovernmental agreements with the participating local governments. The General Fund provides transfers to cover deficit balances; however, this is done when cash is needed rather than when accruals occur.

**Compliance**

The State Route 747 had appropriations in excess of estimated revenues and available fund balance by \$78,035 and; whereas, the State Route 129 Extension fund had a negative beginning balance of \$39,645. The funds operated on a reimbursement basis with the estimated revenues budgeted across multiple fiscal years.

The State Route 747 fund and Bypass 4 Widening fund had expenditures plus encumbrances in excess of appropriations by \$44,206 and \$182,105. The District encumbered the entire amount of an engineering contract for the next phase for the State Route Bypass 4 fund.

**NOTE 3 – DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS**

Cash resources of several individual funds are combined to form a pool of cash and investments. In addition, investments are separately held by a number of individual funds. The following is a list of the allowable investments for the District:

- United States Treasury notes, bills, bonds, or any other obligation or security issued by the United States Treasury or any other obligation guaranteed as to principal or interest by the United States;
- Bonds, notes, debentures, or any other obligations or securities issued by any federal government agency or instrumentality, including but not limited to, the federal national mortgage association, federal home loan bank, federal farm credit bank, federal home loan mortgage corporation, government national mortgage association, and student loan marketing association. All federal agency securities shall be direct issuances of federal government agencies or instrumentalities;

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**NOTE 3 – DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS (Continued)**

- Written repurchase agreements in the securities listed above, provided that the market value of the securities subject to the repurchase agreement must exceed the principal value of the agreement by at least two percent and be marked to market daily, and that the term of the agreement must not exceed thirty days;
- Interim deposits in eligible institutions applying for interim funds;
- Bonds and other obligations of the State of Ohio;
- No-load money market mutual funds consisting exclusively of obligations described in the first two bullets of this section and repurchase agreements secured by such obligations, provided that investments in securities described in this division are made only through eligible institutions;
- The State Treasury Asset Reserve of Ohio (STAR Ohio);
- Certain banker's acceptances and commercial paper notes for a period not to exceed one hundred eighty days from the purchase date in an amount not to exceed twenty-five percent of the interim monies available for investment at any one time; and,
- Under limited circumstances, corporate debt obligations rated in either of the two highest rating classifications by at least two nationally recognized rating agencies.

Investments in stripped principal or interest obligations, reverse repurchase agreements and derivatives are prohibited. The issuance of taxable notes for the purpose of arbitrage, the use of leverage and short selling are also prohibited. An investment must mature within five years from the date of purchase unless matched to a specific obligation or debt of the District, and must be purchased with the expectation it will be held to maturity. Investments may be made only upon delivery of the securities representing the investments to the Finance Director or, if the securities are not represented by a certificate, upon receipt of confirmation of transfer from the custodian.

**A. Deposits**

*Custodial Credit Risk*

Custodial Credit Risk is the risk that in the event of bank failure, the District's deposits may not be returned to it. The District does not have a custodial credit risk policy.

At year-end the carrying amount of the District's deposits was \$868,637 and the bank balance was \$1,403,945. \$250,000 of bank balances were covered by federal depository insurance coverage with \$1,153,945 being uninsured under federal depository coverage.

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**NOTE 3 – DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS (Continued)**

**B. Investments**

*Custodial Credit Risk*

The risk that, in the event of a failure of a counter party, the District will not be able to recover the value of its investments or collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. The District employs the use of “safekeeping” accounts to hold and maintain custody of its investments as identified within this policy and as a means of mitigating this risk.

*Interest Rate Risk*

The risk that the District will incur fair value losses arising from rising interest rates. Such risk is mitigated by the investment policy by limiting investments to certain maximum maturities. As a rule, unless specified otherwise within the policy, investments are to have a maximum maturity of five years unless the investment is matched to a specific expenditure. The context of a specific investment purchase must be weighed in proportion to the remainder of the existing investment portfolio and the “prudent investor” rule to attempt to limit such risk.

*Credit Risk*

Credit risk is the risk that an issuer or other counterparty to an investment will not fulfill its obligations. The District has no investment policy dealing with credit risk except to maintain investments that are subject the investment policy.

During 2009, the District limited investments to securities in Money Market Mutual Funds. Below are the credit ratings of the District’s investments:

Security	Rating Agency	
	Moody’s	Standard & Poor’s
Federated Government Obligation Fund	Aaa	AAAm

*Concentration of Credit Risk*

Concentration of credit risk is the risk of loss attributed to the magnitude of a government’s investment in a single user. The District’s investment policy allows investments in Federal Agencies or Instrumentalities. Money market mutual funds comprised 100% of the District’s investments.

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**NOTE 3 – DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS (Continued)**

The District's investments at December 31, 2009 are summarized below:

Investment	Average Maturity	<1 Year Before Maturity
Federated Government Obligation Fund	<60 days	\$12,456,506

**NOTE 4 – INTERFUND BALANCES**

Interfund balances at December 31, 2009, consist of the following individual receivables and payables in the governmental fund balance sheet (such amounts are removed in the statement of net assets):

Fund	Interfund Loan Receivable	Interfund Loan Payable
General Fund	\$2,692,412	\$0
Capital Projects Funds:		
State Route 747	0	635,243
Liberty Interchange	0	1,818,546
State Route 4 Bypass Widening		198,978
Nonmajor Funds	0	39,645
Total Capital Projects Funds	0	2,692,412
Totals	\$2,692,412	\$2,692,412

During the year the capital projects funds expended monies for construction projects that are defined as governmental reimbursement contracts. The reimbursements were not made before year-end and the General Fund advanced monies to cover the deficits in the funds. A large portion of the interfund payable in the Liberty Interchange fund relates to the District's purchase of eighteen acres of land near the proposed interchange. The interfund in the State Route 747 fund relates to the payment made to Duke Energy for utility relocation that will be reimbursed by the Ohio Department of Transportation. The General Fund will be repaid within one year or less once the reimbursements are received.

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**NOTE 5 – INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUES AND CHARGES FOR SERVICES**

The following entities, which are a part of the District, have contributed the following funds during 2009:

Member Name	Contribution
Butler County	\$1,072,423
Ohio Department of Transportation	1,522,438
Liberty Township	1,571,183
West Chester Township	16,442
Totals	\$4,182,486

Charges for service recorded in the General Fund, represent the administrative project cost related to the engineering and design projects the District had active during 2009. The District also took a \$179,579 administrative fee related to the Liberty Interchange project that was drawn from the trust account. The District also contracted with the Montgomery County TID for providing monthly financial services that is also included in charges for services.

**NOTE 6 – CAPITAL ASSETS**

Summary by category of changes in capital assets:

Category	December 31, 2008	Additions	Deletions	December 31, 2009
Land	\$2,709,373	\$0	\$0	\$2,709,373
Construction in Progress	49,068,670	11,202,491	0	60,271,161
Totals	\$51,778,043	\$11,202,491	\$0	\$62,980,534

For 2009, the District continued to spend significant dollars on the construction of interchange proper and Liberty Way West phases of the Liberty Interchange Project. The District is required to record the assets on the construction in progress for the related projects until the project is finalized and dedicated to the sponsoring agency.

**NOTE 7 – DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION AND POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS PLANS**

The following information was provided by the OPERS of Ohio, a cost-sharing multiple employer defined benefit pension plan. The OPERS of Ohio provides retirement and disability benefits, annual cost-of-living adjustments and death benefits to plan members and beneficiaries. Chapter 145 of the Ohio Revised Code provides statutory authority to establish and amend benefits. The Public Employees Retirement System of Ohio issues a stand-alone financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information for the OPERS of Ohio. Interested parties may obtain a copy by making a written request to 277 East Town Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215-4642 or by calling (614) 222-6705 or 1-800-222-7377.

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**NOTE 7 – DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION AND POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS PLANS**  
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In 2004, OPERS expanded the retirement options for covered employees. OPERS administers three separate pension plans as described below:

- The Traditional Pension Plan (TP) – a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan.
- The Member-Directed Plan (MD) – a defined contribution plan in which the member invests both member and employer contributions (employer contributions vest over five years at 20% per year). Under the Member-Directed Plan, members accumulate retirement assets equal to the value of member and (vested) employer contributions plus any investment earnings thereon.
- The Combined Plan (CO) – a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan. Under the Combined Plan, employer contributions are invested by the retirement system to provide a formula retirement benefit similar in nature to the Traditional Plan benefit. Member contributions, the investment of which is self-directed by the members, accumulate retirement assets in a manner similar to the Member-Directed Plan.

The Ohio Revised Code provides statutory authority for employee and employer contributions. The employee contribution rate is 10%. The employer contribution rate was 14%, from January 1 to March 31, 2009 7% was used to fund the pension and then from April 1 to December 31, 2009 8.5% was used to fund the pension. The contribution requirements of plan members and the District are established and may be amended by the Public Employees Retirement Board. The District's contributions to the OPERS of Ohio for the years ending December 31, 2009, 2008, and 2007, were \$12,105, \$9,033, and \$17,035, respectively, 88 percent has been contributed for fiscal year 2009 and 100 percent has been contributed for fiscal years 2008 and 2007.

The Ohio Revised Code provides the statutory authority requiring public employers to fund post retirement health care through their contributions to OPERS. A portion of each employer's contribution to OPERS is set aside for the funding of post retirement health care benefits.

Employer contributions rates are expressed as a percentage of the covered payroll of active members. In 2009, state and local employers contributed at a rate of 14.00% of covered payroll. The Ohio Revised Code currently limits the employer contribution rate to a rate not to exceed 14.0% of the covered payroll for state and local employer. Active members do not make contributions to the OPEB plan.

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**NOTE 7 – DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION AND POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS PLANS**  
(Continued)

OPERS' Post Employment Health Care Plan was established under, and is administrated in accordance with, Internal Revenue Code 401(h). Each year, the OPERS Retirement Board determines the portion of the employer contribution rate that will be set aside for funding of post employment health care benefits. The portion of employer contributions allocated to health care was 7.00% from January 1 through March 31, 2009 and 5.5% from April 1 through December 31, 2009. The OPERS Retirement Board is also authorized to establish rules for the payment of a portion of the health care coverage by the retiree or their surviving beneficiaries. Payment amounts vary depending on the number of covered dependents and the coverage selected.

The District's actual contributions that were used to fund post employment benefits in 2009, 2008, and 2007 were \$7,545, \$10,563, and \$9,966, respectively.

The Health Care Preservation Plan (HCCP) adopted by the OPERS Retirement Board on September 9, 2004, was effective January 1, 2007. Member and employer contribution rates increased on January 1 each year from 2006 to 2008, which allowed funds to be allocated to the health care plan.

**NOTE 8 – LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS**

	Balance December 31, 2008	Issued	Retired	Balance December 31, 2009	Due Within One Year
<b>Governmental Activities:</b>					
Special Obligation Bonds:					
4.00%-5.00% 2007	\$41,130,000	0	0	41,130,000	0
Premium	1,537,945	0	59,152	1,478,793	0
Special Obligation Bonds					
1.875%-6.50% 2009	0	7,275,000	0	7,275,000	0
Premium	0	109,796	0	109,796	0
Governmental Activity					
Long-Term Liabilities	\$42,667,945	\$7,384,796	\$59,152	\$49,993,589	\$0

*Special Obligation Bonds:* On February 15, 2007 the District issued \$41,130,000 for the purpose of constructing the Liberty Interchange and related infrastructure projects. The bonds were issued for twenty-eight years with a final maturity in 2034 at an interest rate range of four to five percent. The bonds will be repaid from the Liberty Interchange capital projects fund trust accounts through intergovernmental agreements with Liberty Township, Butler County and West Chester Township. A premium of \$1,656,249 on the issuance of the bonds will be amortized over the life of the debt.

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**NOTE 8 – LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS (Continued)**

The District has pledged all future revenues from the intergovernmental agreements to repay the \$41,130,000 in special obligation bonds to finance the Liberty Interchange project. The bonds are paid from tax increment financing revenue received from Liberty Township, Butler County and West Chester Township’s applicable properties located around the project. Total principal and interest remaining on the bonds is \$74,995,539 payable through December 2034. For the current year, only interest was paid in the amount of \$1,980,575 while total tax increment financing revenue was \$2,308,664.

On December 16, 2009, the District issued \$7,275,000 for the purpose of paying the local share of the three phases on State Route 4 Bypass. The issue was completed under the provisions of the economic recovery zone bond program. The District will receive a forty-five percent refund of the interest payment annually that will be returned the local governments to help reduce the total interest expense on the project. The bonds have a final maturity of December 1, 2029 and will be repaid through intergovernmental agreements with Butler County, City of Hamilton and Fairfield Township.

The principal and interest requirements for outstanding bonds as of December 31, 2009 are as follows:

Ending December 30,	Fiscal Year		Total	Rate
	Principal	Interest		
2010	\$0	\$2,360,710	2,360,710	4.00
2011	185,000	2,377,242	2,562,242	1.875-4.00
2012	220,000	2,373,774	2,593,774	2.375-4.00
2013	355,000	2,368,550	2,723,550	3.00-4.00
2014	565,000	2,356,749	2,921,749	3.875-4.00
2015-2019	5,845,000	11,241,525	17,086,525	4.00-5.125
2020-2024	10,845,000	9,354,696	20,199,696	4.25-5.875
2025- 2029	19,235,000	5,812,232	25,047,232	4.75-6.50
2030-2034	11,155,000	1,111,724	12,266,724	4.50-5.00
Totals	<u>\$48,405,000</u>	<u>\$39,357,202</u>	<u>\$87,762,202</u>	

**NOTE 9 – CONSTRUCTION COMMITMENTS**

The District has several major outstanding contracts for services. The following amounts remain on these contracts as of December 31, 2009.

Project and Contractor	Outstanding Balance
JRJ Jurgensen – Liberty Interchange	\$239,546
ME Companies – Bypass 4 Widening	388,437

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**NOTE 10 – RISK MANAGEMENT**

The District is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; damage to, and theft or destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees and natural disaster. During 2009, the District contracted with Cincinnati Financial Insurance Co. for liability, property, and crime damage and RSUI Indemnity Company for public officials insurance. Coverage provided by the companies are as follows:

Public Official Errors and Omissions Liability (Per occurrence)	\$1,000,000
Business Auto Coverage Liability Combined	1,000,000
Commercial General Liability	2,000,000
Commercial Property	1,000,000
Personal and Advertising Injury	1,000,000
Valuable Papers	75,000
Crime Insurance:	
Forgery or Alteration	25,000
Employee Dishonesty (Per occurrence)	500,000
Surety Bond (Gregory Wilkens, Secretary/Treasurer)	500,000

The District has had no significant reduction in insurance coverage from prior years. The District has had no settlements exceed insurance coverage for the past ten years.

The District is a member of the group health insurance program for the Butler County Government employees. Premiums are paid into Butler County's internal service fund by all funds having compensated employees, calculated solely on the demographics of the group. On January 1, 1996, the County entered into a contract with Aetna Healthcare to provide a premium based health care insurance plan. The monies paid into the Employee Health Benefit internal service fund are available to pay for premiums and administrative costs of the plan.

Workers' compensation coverage is maintained by paying premiums to the State Bureau of Workers' Compensation. The premium is calculated based upon accident history and administrative costs.



**REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY  
INFORMATION SECTION**

**TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT OF BUTLER COUNTY, OHIO**

**SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES  
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE  
BUDGET AND ACTUAL (NON-GAAP BUDGETARY BASIS)  
GENERAL FUND  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2009**

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
	Original	Final		
<b>Revenues:</b>				
Intergovernmental	\$ 250,000	\$ 250,000	\$ 250,000	\$ -
Charges for Services	620,625	203,000	203,329	329
Investment Earnings	30,000	1,800	1,816	16
All Other	-	310,300	310,269	(31)
Total Revenues	<u>900,625</u>	<u>765,100</u>	<u>765,414</u>	<u>314</u>
<b>Expenditures:</b>				
Current:				
General Government				
Personal Services	265,885	193,200	182,602	10,598
Contractual Services	263,000	236,801	230,962	5,839
Materials and Supplies	29,500	18,200	11,094	7,106
Other	58,000	42,932	41,437	1,495
Total General Government	<u>616,385</u>	<u>491,133</u>	<u>466,095</u>	<u>25,038</u>
Net Change in Fund Balance	284,240	273,967	299,319	25,352
Fund Balance Beginning of Year	3,255,161	3,255,161	3,255,161	-
Fund Balance End of Year	<u>\$ 3,539,401</u>	<u>\$ 3,529,128</u>	<u>\$ 3,554,480</u>	<u>\$ 25,352</u>
		Budget Basis	\$ 299,319	
		Expenditure Accruals	(7,984)	
		Encumbrances	<u>5</u>	
		GAAP Basis	<u>\$ 291,340</u>	

See accompanying notes to the required supplementary information

*TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT OF BUTLER COUNTY, OHIO  
NOTES TO REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION  
DECEMBER 31, 2009*

**NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**Budgetary Process**

The budgetary process is prescribed by provisions of the Ohio Revised Code and entails the preparation of budgetary documents within an established timetable. Legally, the Ohio Revised Code does not strictly impose a requirement on the District to follow the budgetary process but the District chose to follow these laws by an act within their entity's by-laws. The major documents prepared are the certificate of estimated resources and the appropriation resolution, both of which are prepared on the budgetary basis of accounting.

The certificate of estimated resources and the appropriation resolution are subject to amendment throughout the year with the legal restriction that appropriations cannot exceed estimated resources, as certified by resolution of the District Board. All funds are required to be budgeted and appropriated. The level of budgetary control is at the object level for the District. Any budgetary modifications at this level may only be made by resolution of the District Board. Supplemental appropriations were necessary during the year which increased and decreased the original budget amounts.

Under the District's By-laws, revenues not specifically related to a particular fund shall be deposited into the District's General Fund. Monies can only be transferred from the General Fund by resolution of the District Board.

1. Estimated Resources

As part of the District's budgetary process, the Board approves the budgetary document. The budgetary document states the projected revenue of each fund. Prior to December 31, the District must revise its budget so that the total contemplated expenditures from any fund during the ensuing fiscal year will not exceed the amount available as stated in the budgetary document. The revised budget then serves as the basis for the annual appropriation measure. On or about January 1, the budgetary document is amended to include any unencumbered balances from the preceding year. The budgetary document may be further amended during the year if the Board determines that an estimate needs to be either increased or decreased. The amounts reported on the budgetary statements reflect the amounts in the final budgetary document issued during 2009.

*TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT OF BUTLER COUNTY, OHIO  
NOTES TO REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION  
DECEMBER 31, 2009*

**NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)**

2. Appropriations

An annual appropriation resolution must be passed by July 15 of the preceding year for the period January 1 to December 31. The appropriation resolution fixes spending authority at the fund and object level. The appropriation resolution may be amended during the year as new information becomes available, provided that total fund appropriations do not exceed current estimated resources, as certified. The allocation of appropriations among funds and objects within a fund may be modified during the year only by a resolution of the Board. The amounts reported as the original budgeted amounts in the budgetary statements reflect the appropriations in the first complete appropriated budget, including amounts automatically carried over from prior years. The amounts reported as final budgeted amounts in the schedules of budgetary comparison represent the final appropriation amounts, including all supplemental appropriations.

3. Lapsing of Appropriations

At the close of each fiscal year, the unencumbered balance of each appropriation reverts to the respective fund from which it was appropriated and becomes subject to future appropriations. The encumbered appropriation balance is carried forward to the subsequent fiscal year and need not be reappropriated.

4. Budgetary Basis of Accounting

The District's budgetary process accounts for certain transactions on a basis other than GAAP. The major differences between the budgetary basis and the GAAP basis lie in the manner in which revenues and expenditures are recorded. Under the budgetary basis, revenues and expenditures are recognized on a cash basis. Utilizing the cash basis, revenues are recorded when received in cash and expenditures are recorded when paid. Under the GAAP basis, revenues and expenditures are recorded on the modified accrual basis of accounting on the governmental fund statements and on the full accrual basis on the government-wide statements.



## NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

### CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND

The Capital Projects Funds are used to account for the construction of major capital improvement programs within the jurisdiction of the District.

#### **Union Centre Extension Fund**

Formerly known as Symmes Road Extension, the fund is used to account for the TID's improvements and construction of a five-lane road from State Route 747 to Seward Road.

**State Route 129 Extension Fund** – The fund accounted for the TID's construction of a 10.7 mile divided above grade interstate like roadway from the City of Hamilton to Interstate 75. The District has transferred all the right of way for the project to ODOT. The bonds were defeased.

#### **Muhlhauser Road Fund**

To account for the construction of a five-lane road from State Route 747 to West Chester Road. The TID used the cash balance to fund additional right of way and construction expenditures to help reduce the County and Township portion of the widening from State Route 747 to State Route 4 during the year.



TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT OF BUTLER COUNTY, OHIO

COMBINING BALANCE SHEET  
 NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
 DECEMBER 31, 2009

	CAPITAL PROJECTS			Total Nonmajor Governmental Funds
	Union Centre Extension	State Route 129 Extension	Muhlhauser Road	
<b>Assets:</b>				
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 325	\$ -	\$ 3,824	\$ 4,149
<b>Total Assets</b>	<u>325</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,824</u>	<u>4,149</u>
<b>Liabilities:</b>				
Interfund Loan Payable	-	39,645	-	39,645
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<u>-</u>	<u>39,645</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>39,645</u>
<b>Fund Balances:</b>				
Fund Balances:				
Unreserved Capital Projects -(Deficit)	325	(39,645)	3,824	(35,496)
<b>Total Fund Balances</b>	<u>325</u>	<u>(39,645)</u>	<u>3,824</u>	<u>(35,496)</u>
<b>Total Liabilities and Fund Balances</b>	<u>\$ 325</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 3,824</u>	<u>\$ 4,149</u>

**TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT OF BUTLER COUNTY, OHIO**

**COMBINING STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES  
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE  
NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2009**

	CAPITAL PROJECTS			Total Nonmajor Governmental Funds
	Union Centre Extension	State Route 129 Extension	Muhlhauser Road	
<b>Revenues:</b>				
Total Revenues	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>Expenditures:</b>				
Total Expenditures	-	-	-	-
Change in Fund Balance	-	-	-	-
Fund Balance (Deficit) - Beginning of Year	325	(39,645)	3,824	(35,496)
Fund Balance (Deficit) - End of Year	\$ 325	\$ (39,645)	\$ 3,824	\$ (35,496)

**TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT OF BUTLER COUNTY, OHIO**

**SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES  
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE  
BUDGET AND ACTUAL (NON-GAAP BUDGETARY BASIS)  
STATE ROUTE 747 FUND  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2009**

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
	Original	Final		
<b>Revenues:</b>				
Intergovernmental	\$ 573,000	\$ 575,945	\$ 62,943	\$ (513,002)
Total Revenues	573,000	575,945	62,943	(513,002)
<b>Expenditures:</b>				
Capital Outlay	573,835	523,294	567,500	(44,206)
Total Expenditures	573,835	523,294	567,500	(44,206)
Net Change in Fund Balance	(835)	52,651	(504,557)	(557,208)
Fund Balance (Deficit) Beginning of Year	(130,686)	(130,686)	(130,686)	-
Fund Balance (Deficit) End of Year	\$ (131,521)	\$ (78,035)	\$ (635,243)	\$ (557,208)

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**SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES  
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE  
BUDGET AND ACTUAL (NON-GAAP BUDGETARY BASIS)  
LIBERTY INTERCHANGE FUND  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2009**

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
	Original	Final		
<b>Revenues:</b>				
Intergovernmental Revenue	\$ 2,005,000	\$ 2,473,385	\$ 2,462,694	\$ (10,691)
Investment Earnings	30,000	90,000	89,237	(763)
All Other Revenue	-	23,500	23,500	-
Total Revenues	<u>2,035,000</u>	<u>2,586,885</u>	<u>2,575,431</u>	<u>(11,454)</u>
<b>Expenditures:</b>				
Capital Outlay	12,169,571	11,122,056	11,072,552	49,504
Debt Service:				
Interest and Fiscal Charges	1,980,500	1,983,475	1,983,475	-
Total Expenditures	<u>14,150,071</u>	<u>13,105,531</u>	<u>13,056,027</u>	<u>49,504</u>
Net Change in Fund Balance	(12,115,071)	(10,518,646)	(10,480,596)	38,050
Fund Balance Beginning of Year	12,961,321	12,961,321	12,961,321	-
Fund Balance End of Year	<u>\$ 846,250</u>	<u>\$ 2,442,675</u>	<u>\$ 2,480,725</u>	<u>\$ 38,050</u>

**TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT OF BUTLER COUNTY, OHIO**

**SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES  
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE  
BUDGET AND ACTUAL (NON-GAAP BUDGETARY BASIS)  
STATE ROUTE 4 BYPASS WIDENING  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2009**

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
	Original	Final		
<b>Revenues:</b>				
Intergovernmental Revenue	\$ 814,120	\$ 792,342	\$ 912,522	\$ 120,180
Total Revenues	814,120	792,342	912,522	120,180
<b>Expenditures:</b>				
Capital Outlay	802,342	1,065,272	1,295,377	(230,105)
Debt Service:				
Interest and Fiscal Charges	-	252,068	204,068	48,000
Total Expenditures	802,342	1,317,340	1,499,445	(182,105)
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	11,778	(524,998)	(586,923)	(61,925)
<b>Other Financing Sources:</b>				
Face Value from Sale of Bonds	-	7,275,000	7,275,000	-
Premium on Sale of Bonds	-	109,796	109,796	-
Total Other Financing Sources	-	7,384,796	7,384,796	-
Net Change in Fund Balance	11,778	6,859,798	6,797,873	(61,925)
Fund Balance (Deficit) Beginning of Year	(787,697)	(787,697)	(787,697)	-
Prior Year Encumbrances	588,719	588,719	588,719	-
Fund Balance (Deficit) End of Year	\$ (187,200)	\$ 6,660,820	\$ 6,598,895	\$ (61,925)

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**SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES  
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE  
BUDGET AND ACTUAL (NON-GAAP BUDGETARY BASIS)  
NONMAJOR CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2009**

	UNION CENTRE EXTENSION FUND			Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
	Budgeted Amounts		Actual	
	Original	Final		
<b>Revenues:</b>				
Total Revenues	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>Expenditures:</b>				
Total Expenditures	-	-	-	-
Change in Fund Balance	-	-	-	-
Fund Balance Beginning of Year	325	325	325	-
Fund Balance End of Year	\$ 325	\$ 325	\$ 325	\$ -

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**SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES  
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE  
BUDGET AND ACTUAL (NON-GAAP BUDGETARY BASIS)  
NONMAJOR CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2009**

STATE ROUTE 129 EXTENSION FUND				
	Budgeted Amounts		Actual	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
	Original	Final		
<b>Revenues:</b>				
Total Revenues	-	-	-	-
<b>Expenditures:</b>				
Total Expenditures	-	-	-	-
Change in Fund Balance	-	-	-	-
Fund Balance (Deficit) Beginning of Year	(39,724)	(39,724)	(39,724)	-
Fund Balance (Deficit) End of Year	\$ (39,724)	\$ (39,724)	\$ (39,724)	\$ -

**TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT OF BUTLER COUNTY, OHIO**

**SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES  
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE  
BUDGET AND ACTUAL (NON-GAAP BUDGETARY BASIS)  
NONMAJOR CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2009**

	MUHLHAUSER ROAD FUND			Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
	Budgeted Amounts		Actual	
	Original	Final		
<b>Revenues:</b>				
Total Revenues	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>Expenditures:</b>				
Total Expenditures	-	-	-	-
Change in Fund Balance	-	-	-	-
Fund Balance Beginning of Year	3,824	3,824	3,824	-
Fund Balance End of Year	<u>\$ 3,824</u>	<u>\$ 3,824</u>	<u>\$ 3,824</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

# STATISTICAL

# SECTION



Above - Liberty Interchange Area in August 2004  
Below - Liberty Interchange Area in October 2009



**Transportation Improvement District of  
Butler County, Ohio  
Statistical Section Descriptions  
December 31, 2009**

This part of the District's report presents detailed information as a context for understanding what the information in the financial statements, note disclosure, and required supplementary information says about the District's overall financial health.

<u>Contents</u>	<u>Pages</u>
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These schedules contain trend information to help the reader under how the District's financial performance and situation have changed over time.	50-57
<b>Revenue Capacity (The District has no specific revenue source that generates year over year for the District; therefore, there are no tables presenting this information)</b>	
<b>Debt Capacity</b>	
This schedules presents information to help the reader assess the affordability of the District's current levels of outstanding debt. The District's has no ability to issue additional debt in the future without an agreement through on the participating governments	58-61
<b>Operating Information</b>	
These schedules contain operational data to help the reader understand how the information in the District's financial report relates to the services the District provides and the activities it performs.	63
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These schedules offer demographic and economic indicators to help the reader understand the environment within in which the District's financial activities takes place.	64-66

**TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT OF BUTLER COUNTY, OHIO**

**NET ASSETS BY COMPONENT**

**LAST TEN YEARS (accrual basis of accounting)**

	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005
Governmental Activities:					
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	\$ 20,005,940	\$ 18,504,670	\$ 16,543,620	\$ 15,034,816	\$ 13,732,805
Restricted	5,560,411	6,869,668	1,650,174	374,477	15,195,076
Unrestricted	1,871,650	646,935	1,731,632	1,148,080	(1,096,692)
<b>Total Governmental Activities Net Assets</b>	<b>\$ 27,438,001</b>	<b>\$ 26,021,273</b>	<b>\$ 19,925,426</b>	<b>\$ 16,557,373</b>	<b>\$ 27,831,189</b>
Governmental Activities:					
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	\$ 10,982,235	\$ 17,546,423	\$ 42,089,576	\$ 54,652,188	\$ 43,783,628
Restricted	14,850,389	14,522,631	14,318,505	14,690,286	15,990,278
Unrestricted	1,552,732	1,847,313	1,981,693	1,772,609	4,481,297
<b>Total Governmental Activities Net Assets</b>	<b>\$ 27,385,356</b>	<b>\$ 33,916,367</b>	<b>\$ 58,389,774</b>	<b>\$ 71,115,083</b>	<b>\$ 64,255,203</b>

Source: District financial records



**TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT OF BUTLER COUNTY, OHIO**

**CHANGE IN NET ASSETS**

**LAST TEN YEARS (accrual basis of accounting)**

	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>
<b>Expenses:</b>			
Governmental Activities			
General Government	\$ 715,520	\$ 454,730	\$ 2,338,236
Fiscal Charges	-	327,044	-
Interest on Long Term Debt	2,181,640	1,751,628	1,585,006
<i>Total Governmental Activities Expenses</i>	<u>2,897,160</u>	<u>2,533,402</u>	<u>3,923,242</u>
<b>Program Revenues:</b>			
Charges for Services			
General Government	203,329	619,864	24,172
Operating Grants and Contributions			
General Government	1,345,354	7,232,136	5,611,078
Interest on Long Term Debt	2,367,815	-	-
<i>Total Governmental Activities Program Revenues</i>	<u>3,916,498</u>	<u>7,852,000</u>	<u>5,635,250</u>
<b>Net (Expense)/Revenue</b>	<u>1,019,338</u>	<u>5,318,598</u>	<u>1,712,008</u>
<b>General Revenues</b>			
Grants and Contributions Unrestricted	-	-	-
Unrestricted Investment Earnings	77,411	877,121	1,486,437
Change in Fair Value of Investments	-	(164,276)	164,276
Miscellaneous	319,979	64,404	5,332
<i>Total Governmental Activities General Revenues</i>	<u>397,390</u>	<u>777,249</u>	<u>1,656,045</u>
<b>Change in Net Assets</b>	<u>\$ 1,416,728</u>	<u>\$ 6,095,847</u>	<u>\$ 3,368,053</u>

Source: District financial records.

	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001	2000
\$	1,702,925	\$ 460,218	\$ 9,277,438	\$ 26,962,585	\$ 15,022,973	\$ 3,005,859	\$ 6,510,583
	6,516,155	159,666	100,089	163,647	515,492	-	-
	6,152,002	6,074,683	6,289,655	4,809,798	6,893,265	7,132,810	7,428,450
	14,371,082	6,694,567	15,667,182	31,936,030	22,431,730	10,138,669	13,939,033
	94,991	48,898	79,354	45,973	185,882	370,668	191,612
	1,946,633	657,450	404,160	370,358	1,598,492	7,902,350	8,912,869
	-	5,245,955	6,365,905	5,736,408	6,405,255	7,132,810	7,428,450
	2,041,624	5,952,303	6,849,419	6,152,739	8,189,629	15,405,828	16,532,931
	(12,329,458)	(742,264)	(8,817,763)	(25,783,291)	(14,242,101)	5,267,159	2,593,898
	500,000	-	250,000	250,000	250,000	250,000	7,929,894
	510,536	980,903	940,632	957,963	947,606	1,201,655	1,811,459
	(1,375)	(4,111)	(1,509)	(4,629)	20,580	23,909	16,673
	46,481	211,305	1,097,629	106,550	298,606	117,157	576,523
	1,055,642	1,188,097	2,286,752	1,309,884	1,516,792	1,592,721	10,334,549
\$	(11,273,816)	\$ 445,833	\$ (6,531,011)	\$ (24,473,407)	\$ (12,725,309)	\$ 6,859,880	\$ 12,928,447

**TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT OF BUTLER COUNTY, OHIO**

**FUND BALANCES, GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS**

**LAST TEN YEARS (modified accrual basis of accounting)**

	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005
General Fund					
Reserved	\$ -	\$ 154	\$ -	\$ 6,652	\$ 11,034
Unreserved	3,523,834	3,229,925	2,815,145	3,302,479	2,705,563
<b>Total General Fund</b>	<b>3,523,834</b>	<b>3,230,079</b>	<b>2,815,145</b>	<b>3,309,131</b>	<b>2,716,597</b>
All other governmental funds					
Reserved	13,526,176	15,319,008	30,608,670	2,282,459	14,848,697
Unreserved, reported in:					
Debt Service	-	-	-	-	(39,645)
Capital Projects	(3,675,770)	(3,421,084)	(4,172,730)	(4,343,901)	(1,775,709)
<b>Total All other governmental funds</b>	<b>9,850,406</b>	<b>11,897,924</b>	<b>26,435,940</b>	<b>(2,061,442)</b>	<b>13,033,343</b>
<b>Total Governmental Funds</b>	<b>\$ 13,374,240</b>	<b>\$ 15,128,003</b>	<b>\$ 29,251,085</b>	<b>\$ 1,247,689</b>	<b>\$ 15,749,940</b>
	2004	2003	2002	2001	2000
General Fund					
Reserved	\$ -	\$ 4,487	\$ 286	\$ 14,189	\$ -
Unreserved	2,874,839	3,603,343	6,352,696	3,927,884	3,468,383
<b>Total General Fund</b>	<b>2,874,839</b>	<b>3,607,830</b>	<b>6,352,982</b>	<b>3,942,073</b>	<b>3,468,383</b>
All other governmental funds					
Reserved	14,942,523	14,309,528	13,762,757	13,798,560	14,653,971
Unreserved, reported in:					
Debt Service	223,328	9,556	(412,901)	-	-
Capital Projects	(365,300)	29,929	(46,824)	1,186,406	4,183,265
<b>Total All other governmental funds</b>	<b>14,800,551</b>	<b>14,349,013</b>	<b>13,303,032</b>	<b>14,984,966</b>	<b>18,837,236</b>
<b>Total Governmental Funds</b>	<b>\$ 17,675,390</b>	<b>\$ 17,956,843</b>	<b>\$ 19,656,014</b>	<b>\$ 18,927,039</b>	<b>\$ 22,305,619</b>

Source: District financial records



**TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT OF BUTLER COUNTY, OHIO**

**CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES, GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS**

***LAST TEN YEARS (modified accrual basis of accounting)***

	2009	2008	2007	2006
<b>Revenues</b>				
Intergovernmental	\$ 4,182,486	\$ 7,232,136	\$ 5,552,956	\$ 105,260,360
Charges for Services	203,329	619,525	24,172	86,743
Investment Earnings	77,411	877,121	1,486,437	510,536
Change in Fair Value of Investments	-	(164,276)	164,276	(1,375)
All Other	433,769	3,761	5,332	46,481
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>4,896,995</b>	<b>8,568,267</b>	<b>7,233,173</b>	<b>105,902,745</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>				
Current				
General Government	471,659	457,808	566,846	573,356
Capital Outlay	11,376,352	20,159,154	18,352,385	2,481,580
Debt Service:				
Principal	-	-	-	109,725,000
Interest and Fiscal Charges	2,187,543	2,074,387	3,096,795	7,625,060
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>14,035,554</b>	<b>22,691,349</b>	<b>22,016,026</b>	<b>120,404,996</b>
Excess (Deficiency) of				
Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	(9,138,559)	(14,123,082)	(14,782,853)	(14,502,251)
<b>Other Financing Sources (Uses)</b>				
Face Value of Debt	7,275,000	-	41,130,000	-
Premium from Sale of Bonds	109,796	-	1,656,249	-
Transfers In	-	79	14,415,206	14,415,206
Transfers Out	-	(79)	(14,415,206)	(14,415,206)
<b>Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)</b>	<b>7,384,796</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>42,786,249</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Net Change in Fund Balances</b>	<b>\$ (1,753,763)</b>	<b>\$ (14,123,082)</b>	<b>\$ 28,003,396</b>	<b>\$ (14,502,251)</b>
Debt Service as a percentage of noncapital expenditures	77%	82%	132%	20467%

**Notes:**

For 2009-2007, the District is making interest only payments on two special obligation bonds.  
 For 2006, the District has the highway improvement bond repaid through the ODOT lease agreement.  
 For 2005-2000, the debt service obligation is paid through an operating lease with ODOT.

2005	2004	2003	2002	2001	2000
\$ 12,731,782	\$ 12,785,339	\$ 12,086,808	\$ 14,682,529	\$ 19,793,111	\$ 29,311,213
41,347	65,611	22,771	50,369	86,202	191,612
987,083	940,632	957,963	947,606	1,201,655	1,811,459
(4,111)	(1,509)	(4,629)	20,580	23,909	16,673
7,487	1,107,629	130,973	429,320	253,803	576,523
<u>13,763,588</u>	<u>14,897,702</u>	<u>13,193,886</u>	<u>16,130,404</u>	<u>21,358,680</u>	<u>31,907,480</u>
2,200,915	995,739	2,005,237	406,635	389,346	557,999
2,679,873	1,717,511	414,195	2,053,726	11,857,139	13,860,237
6,405,000	6,100,000	5,810,000	5,530,000	5,280,000	5,040,000
6,053,250	6,365,905	6,663,625	7,411,068	7,210,775	7,455,875
<u>17,339,038</u>	<u>15,179,155</u>	<u>14,893,057</u>	<u>15,401,429</u>	<u>24,737,260</u>	<u>26,914,111</u>
(3,575,450)	(281,453)	(1,699,171)	728,975	(3,378,580)	4,993,369
1,650,000	-	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-	-
13,874,479	13,727,822	13,669,557	15,113,369	17,753,723	13,060,217
<u>(13,874,479)</u>	<u>(13,727,822)</u>	<u>(13,669,557)</u>	<u>(15,113,369)</u>	<u>(17,753,723)</u>	<u>(13,060,217)</u>
1,650,000	-	-	-	-	-
<u>\$ (1,925,450)</u>	<u>\$ (281,453)</u>	<u>\$ (1,699,171)</u>	<u>\$ 728,975</u>	<u>\$ (3,378,580)</u>	<u>\$ 4,993,369</u>
566%	1252%	622%	3182%	3208%	2239%

**TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT OF BUTLER COUNTY, OHIO**

**TOP TEN TAX PAYERS  
REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY**

**CURRENT AND SEVEN YEARS AGO**

Name of Taxpayer	2009			2002		
	Assessed Valuation	Rank	% of Total Assessed Valuation	Assessed Valuation	Rank	% of Total Assessed Valuation
Miller Breweries East Inc.	\$ 17,737,310	1	0.23%	\$ 73,319,670	2	1.22%
Dugan Financial LLC	15,372,280	2	0.20%	44,197,930	3	0.74%
AK Steel Corporation	14,272,380	3	0.18%	107,605,470	1	1.79%
Meijer Stores LTD PRT	13,791,400	4	0.18%	14,336,250	6	
Dugan Realty LLC	13,142,000	5	0.17%			
First Industrial L P	12,780,390	6	0.16%			
Boymel Sam TR	12,535,570	7	0.16%			0.00%
Cincinnati LeSaint Industrial	10,727,500	8	0.14%			
OXO1 LTD	9,396,130	9	0.12%			
Lakes at West Chester Village	8,151,300	10	0.10%			
Duke Realty Ohio				25,539,850	5	0.43%
Cincinnati Financial Corporation				29,611,470	4	0.49%
Security Capital				13,106,870	7	0.22%
Centerpoint Realty				13,105,870	8	0.22%
Distribution Funding Services				12,963,830	9	0.22%
Champion International Corp.				27,124,630	10	0.45%
Total	\$ 127,906,260		1.64%	\$ 360,911,840		5.78%
Total Assessed Valuation	\$ 7,812,287,370			\$ 6,001,216,262		

Source: Butler County Auditor's Office

Note: 2002 is first year this information was made available

**TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT OF BUTLER COUNTY, OHIO**

**PRINCIPAL EMPLOYERS**

**CURRENT AND TEN YEARS AGO**

Name of Employer	2008			1999		
	Number of Employees	Rank	% of Total Employment	Number of Employees	Rank	% of Total Employment
Miami University	4,250	1	2.45%	3,600	2	1.99%
AK Steel	3,100	2	1.79%	4,100	1	2.27%
Cincinnati Financial Corp.	2,900	3	1.67%	2,500	3	1.38%
Butler County Government	2,000	4	1.15%	2,500	4	1.38%
Lakota School District	1,969	5	1.13%	1,300	9	0.72%
Middletown Regional Hospital	1,800	6	1.04%	1,600	6	0.88%
BEA Systems	1,726	7	0.99%			
GE Aviation	1,400	8	0.81%			
Ohio Casualty Insurance	1,340	9	0.77%	1,400	8	0.77%
Fort Hamilton Hospital	1,250	10	0.72%	1,200	10	0.66%
Cincinnati Insurance			0.00%	1,486	7	
Champion International				2,292	5	1.27%
<b>Total</b>	<b>21,735</b>		<b>12.52%</b>	<b>21,978</b>		<b>11.33%</b>
<b>Total Employed within the County</b>	<b>173,600</b>			<b>180,900</b>		

Source: 2008 Butler County Economic Development and 1999 Butler County Comprehensive Annual Financial Report

Note: The information was not available for 2009

**TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT OF BUTLER COUNTY, OHIO**

**REVENUE BOND COVERAGE - LIBERTY INTERCHANGE  
SPECIAL OBLIGATION BONDS  
LAST THREE FISCAL YEARS**

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<u>Year</u>	<u>Gross Revenue (1)</u>	<u>Debt Service Requirement (2)</u>	<u>Coverage</u>
2007	\$ 1,489,072	\$ 1,573,377	94.64%
2008	3,766,336	1,983,575	189.88%
2009	2,308,664	1,983,475	116.39%
Total	<u>\$ 7,564,072</u>	<u>\$ 5,540,427</u>	<u>136.53%</u>

Source: District's records

(1) The District receives intergovernmental revenue from Liberty Township, Butler County and West Chester Township for payment of debt service.

(2) The 2007 debt service payment was funded through the \$1,656,249 premium on the sale.

(3) Full receipt of gross revenues from entities is required until 150% of next two years debt service is maintained in the trust account.

NOTE: The District issued the Liberty Interchange special obligation bonds in February 2007.

**TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT OF BUTLER COUNTY, OHIO**

**REVENUE BOND COVERAGE - STATE ROUTE 4 BYPASS  
SPECIAL OBLIGATION BONDS  
LAST FISCAL YEAR**

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<u>Year</u>	<u>Gross Revenue (1)</u>	<u>Debt Service Requirement (2)</u>	<u>Coverage</u>
2009	\$ 117,084	\$ 204,068	57.37%

Source: District's records

(1) The District will receive intergovernmental revenue from Fairfield Township, Butler County and the City of Hamilton for payment of debt service.

(2) The 2009 debt service payment was funded through the \$109,796 premium on the sale and Butler County's initial contribution of \$117,084.

NOTE: The District issued the State Route 4 Bypass special obligation bonds in December 2009.

**TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT OF BUTLER COUNTY, OHIO**

**FULL TIME EQUIVALENT DISTRICT EMPLOYEES BY FUNCTION**

**LAST TEN YEARS**

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<u>Year</u>	<u>General Government Employees</u>
2009	2
2008	2.5
2007	3
2006	3
2005	3
2004	2
2003	3
2002	3
2001	3
2000	3

**TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT OF BUTLER COUNTY, OHIO**  
**ASSESSED VALUE AND BANK DEPOSITS**

**LAST TEN YEARS**

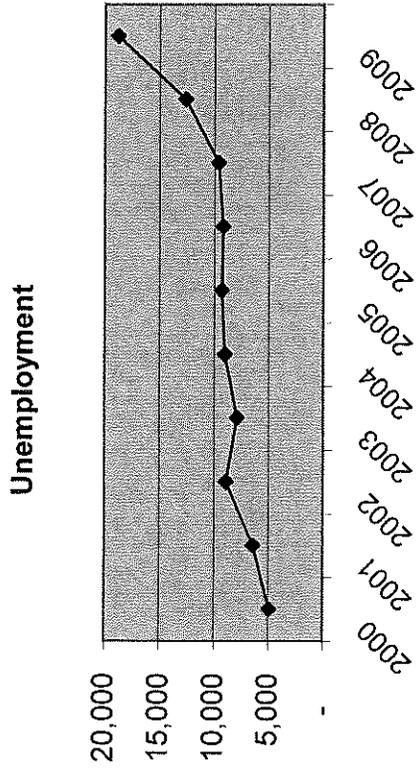
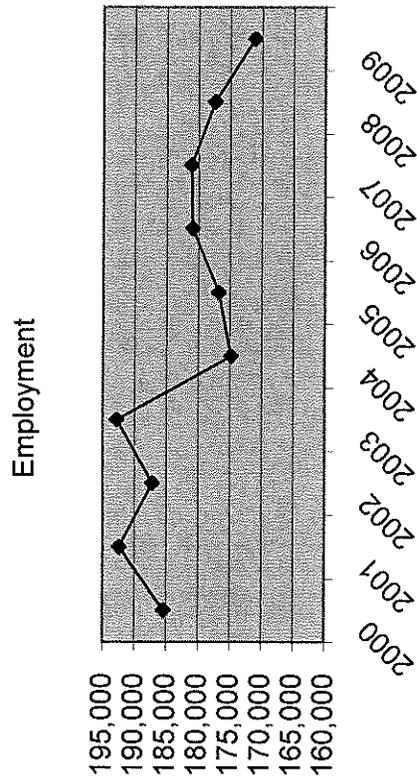
<u>Year</u>	<u>Real Property (1)</u>	<u>Bank Deposits (2)</u>
2000	\$ 4,764,719,420	\$ 1,152,810,000
2001	4,990,028,970	1,136,994,000
2002	5,144,613,220	1,257,078,000
2003	6,043,237,390	1,355,739,000
2004	6,175,495,560	10,267,537,000
2005	6,362,721,810	3,053,270,000
2006	6,935,887,900	2,909,045,000
2007	7,268,499,020	3,017,034,000
2008	8,021,402,180	2,978,691,000
2009	7,812,287,370	5,548,981,000

(1) Source: Butler County Auditor

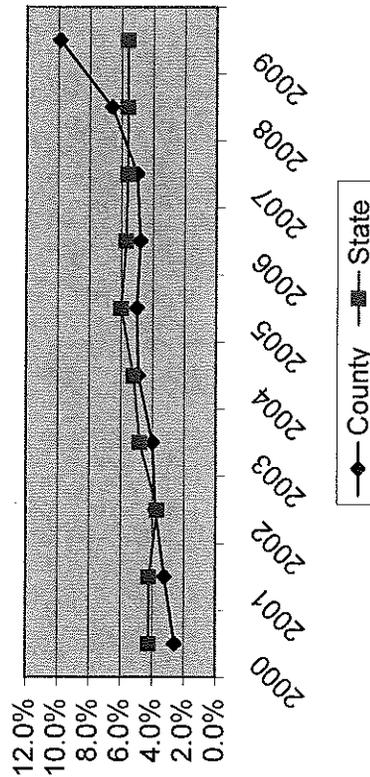
(2) Source: Department of Data Services, Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland

**TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT OF BUTLER COUNTY, OHIO  
DEMOGRAPHIC STATISTICS  
DECEMBER 31, 2009**

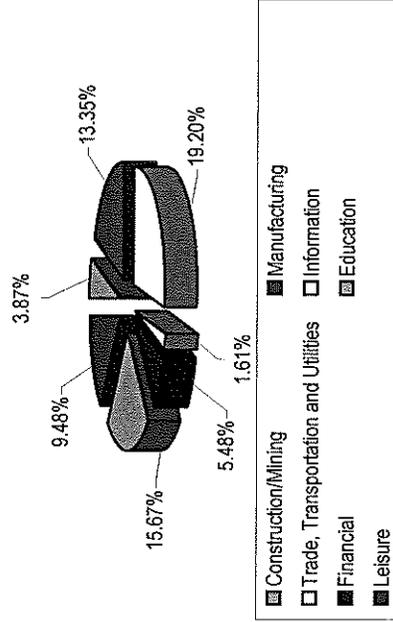
**Labor Force Statistics**



**Unemployment Rates**



**Employment by Industrial Sector as of 12/31/09 for Cincinnati-Middletown MSA**



Source: Bureau of Labor Market Information - Ohio Department of Job and Family Services

**TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT OF BUTLER COUNTY, OHIO**

**DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION**

Butler County Commuting Patterns		Butler County employees commuting to:			
Total employees working in the county	133,727	Hamilton County	Ohio	47,984	29.9%
Number of employees from other counties	43,246	Warren County	Ohio	11,133	6.9%
		Montgomery County	Ohio	4,635	2.9%
Total employed living in the county	160,314	Clermont County	Ohio	1,072	0.7%
Number employed working in other counties	69,833	Boone County	Kentucky	857	0.5%
		Kenton County	Kentucky	696	0.4%
Net Flow of Commuters	(26,587)	Greene County	Ohio	400	0.2%
Percent of Total Commuters	-23.50%	Campbell County	Kentucky	318	0.2%
		Preble County	Ohio	239	0.1%
		Clinton County	Ohio	209	0.1%

Year	Population (2)	Total Personal Income (2)	Per Capital Personal Income (2)
1999	334,011	9,176,952,225	27,475
2000	332,807	9,523,272,305	28,615
2001	333,486	9,633,743,568	28,888
2002	340,543	9,973,142,298	29,286
2003	343,207	10,301,014,898	30,014
2004	346,560	10,643,897,280	30,713
2005	349,526	11,066,692,212	31,662
2006	352,310	11,738,969,200	33,320
2007	357,276	8,861,873,904	24,804
2008	360,765	8,948,415,060	24,804
2009 (3)	NA	NA	NA

(1) Source: Ohio Job and Family Services - Workforce Analysis October 2007

(2) Source: The information is provided from the Butler County, Ohio annual report

(3) This information could be determined based on the new census timing in time for when Butler County, Ohio completed their 2009 report.

**TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT OF BUTLER COUNTY, OHIO**

**MISCELLANEOUS STATISTICS**

**DECEMBER 31, 2009**

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Date of Creation: 1993  
The first Transportation Improvement District in Ohio.

County: Butler

County Seat: City of Hamilton, Ohio

Number of Political Subdivisions within the District: 6  
Butler County  
City of Hamilton  
City of Fairfield  
Fairfield Township  
West Chester Township  
Liberty Township

Number of Interstate Highways inside the District: 2 (Interstate 75)  
(State Route 129)

Source: Transportation Improvement District



**Mary Taylor, CPA**  
Auditor of State

**TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT OF BUTLER COUNTY**

**BUTLER COUNTY**

**CLERK'S CERTIFICATION**

**This is a true and correct copy of the report which is required to be filed in the Office of the Auditor of State pursuant to Section 117.26, Revised Code, and which is filed in Columbus, Ohio.**

*Susan Babbitt*

**CLERK OF THE BUREAU**

**CERTIFIED  
AUGUST 10, 2010**