



TRIKO Valley News

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From Our President...



Welcome back ASHE Triko Valley members and friends! Although your calendar will tell you that the official end to summer is September 22nd, I have no doubt that your routines, the cooler air, or a nearby retail display would make you feel otherwise. Regardless of where you land when it comes to your personal seasonal preferences, I hope you enjoy this meteorological respite between summer and winter. Fall is probably my favorite and I hope you enjoy it too!

Since our last meeting in May, we had two in-person events. The Adopt-A-Highway cleanup and golf outing were both great events that many of us welcomed after not being able

to get together in person this past year. We will continue to do both again. Thank you to board members Dan Ficker and Katie Dillenburger for championing these events. Each was a success!

The 2021-2022 ASHE program will commence with our general membership meeting on September 21st and the installation of the board and newest board member, Dan Springer of LJB. We welcome Dan and are excited for his leadership. We are also thrilled to be starting the ASHE year strong with a presentation by Eric Beck (Hamilton County Engineer) and Darryl Haley (SORTA) on Metro's plans for Hamilton County. Although we are getting closer to meeting in-person again, we felt it best to meet virtually for our September meeting. Even so, I am excited to see everyone so make sure to put your video on. Beyond that, we are planning to continue with an ethics topic for our November meeting.

I'm not sure of the best way to introduce this next topic so I will just state bluntly that we have three opportunities for a leadership role with ASHE and we need you to fill them. Eric Kistner, David Emerick, and Stan Harris have been ever faithful to the ASHE Triko Valley section for many, many years. All of us cannot thank them enough for the things they have done, both obvious and not, throughout the years. **THANK YOU Eric, Dave, and Stan!** If you would like to learn more about the opportunity to serve and transition into one of these roles, then please reach out to any of the board members for more information on becoming our ASHE Triko Valley secretary, treasurer, or Newsletter/Scanner liaison.

And finally, I'm excited for Brian Rhodes to lead us into and through the coming ASHE season. Brian and the rest of the board will continue to serve you and our industry. While it was a year like none other, I am grateful for the opportunity to have served as your president this past year. When you review our activity, attendance, and health of our calendar, it amounts to barely a blip in our overall history. Thanks to all of you for your flexibility and support of the "virtual" ASHE Triko Valley section. We wouldn't be a section without you.

As I have at the close of other newsletters, I challenge each of you to consider your friends, peers, and academics/students that might benefit from joining the ASHE Triko Valley section. Start with a question and be open to where it goes. Asking about ASHE is the easy part and where the conversation goes is the exciting part!

Have a great day and stay safe!

Aaron Muck
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ASHE-TRIKO Valley Section General Membership Meeting Minutes

TUESDAY, MAY 18, 2021 | VIRTUAL MEETING

President Aaron Muck called the meeting to order at 11:30 AM, welcoming attendees, noting that we have a lot of ground to cover today and observing a few moments of silence to set the stage for the meeting. He presented a safety reminder of the five Smith System key safety rules including aim high. He also encouraged us to see the big picture and not get distracted. General announcements included that we are still sticking with virtual meetings until the fall. A highway cleanup and golf outing are planned in the near future. Aaron announced that we are seeking nominations for the first-year director for the ASHE TRIKO valley board. Please let a board member know and a virtual vote will follow. The new slate of officers will be installed in the fall meeting.

For the secretary's report, a motion was raised by Todd Gadbury to approve the January 19, 2021 General Membership Meeting notes which are posted in the newsletter. The motion was seconded by Bill Fair and passed with no opposition. Bill Fair raised a motion to approve the March 18, 2021 CIP meeting notes which was seconded by Dan Ficker. There were no comments, and all were in favor.

Treasurer Kistner reported that the current operating capital is \$16,574.76 and we currently have 179 members. Bill Fair raised a motion to accept the Treasurer's report which was seconded by Katie Dillenburger and carried unanimously.

Caroline Duffy presented the PIN report, noting that Governor DeWine signed HB74 (FY 2022-2023 transportation budget) into law on March 21st. The state TRAC process has also restarted. Kentucky HB 561 did not make it out of committee. The American Jobs Bill is in bipartisan negotiations which include revoking of tax cuts to pay for it. The bill includes \$621 billion for infrastructure. There is a goal of passing the American Jobs Bill on July 4th. Having an infrastructure bill is a good sign!

Todd Gadbury thanked everyone who submitted Schramm Project Award applications and announced the winners as follows:

\$5M AND UNDER

Project Name	Consultant	Owner
Glendale-Milford Road and Lake Forest Road Roundabout	American Structurepoint	City of Blue Ash

OVER \$5M

Project Name	Consultant	Owner
Union Center Blvd. @ I-75 Diverging Diamond Interchange	Jacobs Engineering	Butler County Engineer's Office

Tom Nicholson was not on the call, so President Muck presented the region report, noting that the Great Lakes region is looking for volunteers to fill committees including a chair for the membership committee.

Stan Harris was on vacation, so there was nothing to report on the Scanner and newsletter.

Aaron Muck noted that locally there is very little movement for the student section. We appreciate the student members that we have. Please engage your coops.

Brian Rhodes noted that membership renewals have gone out, so please reply.

There was no scholarship report presented.

Dan Ficker indicated that an ODOT Adopt-a-Highway cleanup will be scheduled for Saturday, June 12th which will be advertised on the ASHE Event page.

Aaron Muck announced that Terry Dull is lining up a clay shooting outing.

Katie Dillenburger noted that the golf outing was announced in the newsletter and will be held on June 21st at Aston Oaks with an 11:00 am shotgun start. She encouraged us to register online. We are looking for a good turnout as this is our fundraiser for student scholarships.

Paul Durham was not present to provide a website update. President Muck invited members to check out the clean new website look.

There were no program updates from Steve Mary.

Steve Mary introduced Mike Ellerbrook and Jeff Heimann from Strand Associates, who presented on the Lick Run Valley Conveyance System. After the presentation, questions were fielded and the presenters were thanked.

William Fair raised a motion to adjourn the meeting which was seconded by Eric Beck and carried. The meeting was adjourned by President Muck at 1:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

David Emerick, TRIKO Valley Section Secretary



ASHE PIN Report - September 2021

Congress is close to passing the much-needed Transportation Bill. With the funding authority for the Highway Trust Fund teetering on bankruptcy as the September 30 deadline approaches, the transportation bill will replenish the Trust Fund, albeit from a deposit from the General Revenue Fund. The separation of the Transportation Bill from President Biden's \$3.5 trillion social infrastructure and tax plan has given traction to the Transportation Bill's passage while letting the \$3.5 trillion social infrastructure and tax plan continue in debate.

Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi has issued a voting deadline of September 27 for the Highway Trust Bill. The legislation includes \$100 billion for roads and bridges, \$66 billion for freight and passenger rail operations, \$65 billion for broadband internet access, \$46 billion for severe weather-resilience climate change programs, \$39 billion for transit systems and \$25 billion for airports.

A pillar of President Joe Biden's "build back better" agenda, stakeholder groups, such as the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, had applauded Senate passage of the infrastructure bill earlier this month.

"Our elected leaders are on the precipice of a historic investment in our nation's crumbling infrastructure," said Chamber of Commerce president and CEO Suzanne Clark. "Turning this long-overdue promise into a reality will grow our economy and strengthen our competitiveness for decades to come. We applaud the Senate for doing its job on a bipartisan basis, thoughtfully debating and passing much-needed infrastructure legislation that will finally invest in America's roads, bridges and other critical infrastructure, create millions of jobs, and improve the quality of life for every American. Now it is time for the House to continue the bipartisan progress and send this bill to the president's desk."

While this historic measure is what our industry has been advocating for several years, several states are scrambling. Kentucky officials have said that if this funding transpires as planned, they will not have enough matching state funds to take all of the federal funds from the bill, in which case it would be allocated to other states. They are now meeting to see how to adjust their projects and funding to not turn away federal funding. Ohio, fortunate enough to have a recent gas tax, is set to accept this new funding from the bill. In addition, the earmarks that were added to the House version have been removed, but the thought is they will be added in the appropriations process.

What can ASHE do to help the passage of the new Highway Bill? Now is crucial to contact your House and Senate representative! Tell them that you support the passage of the bill! Please do your part and contact your Congressional leadership!

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2021 ASHE TRIKO Valley Section Lloyd Wallace Memorial Golf Outing

MONDAY, JUNE 21, 2021

Thank you to all of the members and participants of the 2021 ASHE TRIKO Valley Section Lloyd Wallace Memorial Golf Outing, which was held on Monday, June 21, 2021 at the Aston Oaks Golf Club. It was a successful day all around at a beautiful course.

While our number of golfers were down from previous years at 35, our sponsorships came in at 20 with 18 hole sponsors and 2 lunch sponsors.

Our winning teams also generously supported our scholarship fund. First place outing winner and hole sponsor Team Terracon donated their \$200 prize money and second place winner and hole sponsor Team Dunrobin Associates donated an additional \$500!

Thank you to our winning teams, all golfers, and sponsors for your continued support and participation!



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ASHE TRIKO VALLEY MEETING

September General Membership Meeting

SEPTEMBER 21, 2021 11:30 AM

ELIGIBLE FOR 1 PDH!! SPACE LIMITED!!

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting. Our Zoom account limits us to 100 attendees so please register in advance to secure a place.

There will be a general membership meeting (including swearing in of the new President and Board). The 2020-2021 Board positions up for approval will consist of the following:

- President – Brian Rhodes
- 1st Vice President – Joe Schmeltzer
- 2nd Vice President – Katie Dillenburger
- 4th Year Director – Terry Dull
- 3rd Year Director – Todd Gadbury
- 2nd Year Director – Dan Ficker
- 1st Year Director – Dan Springer
- Past President & Regional Representative – Aaron Muck
- Secretary – David Emerick
- Treasurer – Eric Kistner

The general membership meeting will be followed by a presentation given by Eric Beck (Hamilton County Engineer) and Darryl Haley (Southwest Ohio Regional Transit Authority) about the Metro bus service's future plans for Hamilton County.

Please register using the following link: [Webinar Registration - Zoom](#)

Regards,
ASHE Triko Valley Board of Directors

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\$50/year for small ads, \$150/year for large ad and corporate link on the TRIKO website.

If interested, contact Stan Harris at stan.harris@stantec.com.

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The ASHE TRIKO Valley Board of Directors has several committees to help promote our organization in a variety of ways. Listed below, you can find the contact information of the chair person for each committee. If you would like to share an idea or would like to volunteer to serve on a committee, please contact the appropriate chair person. The Board thanks you for your continued support and dedication to the transportation industry.

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