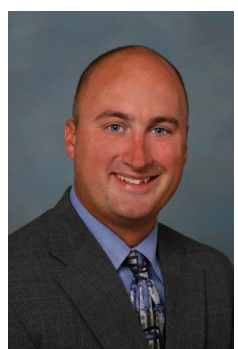




# TRIKO Valley News

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## From Our President...



Our Triko Valley Section has had a busy few weeks! On April 23<sup>rd</sup> we had the spring cleanup of our adopt a highway section at the I-71SB entrance to Ronald Reagan Highway (Route 126). Thank you to all who attended and Dan Ficker for organizing our Community Service events. On May 2<sup>nd</sup> Triko Valley held the annual Lloyd Wallace golf outing at Glenview Golf Course. The money raised from this outing is exclusively used for the Triko Valley Annual Scholarship Program. Thanks to our sponsors, golfers, and Katie Dillenburger for making this a successful event. ASHE Triko Valley received a strong response for our joint ASHE-Jurgensen Company scholarships. We are evaluating the applications and will award the scholarship soon. Thanks to Terry Dull for heading up our Scholarship Committee. Finally, the ASHE National Conference is being held in Columbus, Ohio on May 11-15<sup>th</sup>. The Conference features outstanding social events and technical presentations. ASHE Triko Valley looks to be well represented at the conference. Looking ahead, after our summer break

will host our first sporting clay shoot in October at the Middletown Sportsman's Club. Look for more information on that to come. Thank you Terry Dull for organizing this new fall event. It will certainly be a ton of fun. You may also notice some vast improvements to our website and registration that will be taking place over the summer break. Thank you to Paul Durham for heading up this much needed improvement.

Our last general membership meeting held at Montgomery Inn in Montgomery was headlined by the CIP presentations given by state, county and local representatives from Ohio and Kentucky. The meeting was held in conjunction with the Ohio Contractor's Association and featured 11 presentations and over 100 attendees. Our next General Membership Meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 17<sup>th</sup> at the Original Montgomery Inn in Montgomery. The meeting will include membership voting on the open 1<sup>st</sup> Year Director Position on our Board of Directors, and induction of a new Board. Additionally, we will present Caroline Duffy with Lifetime Membership for her years of active service to our Section and promotion of the transportation industry locally and nationally. The speaker will be Stefan Spinosa from ODOT District 8. Stefan will discuss the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act and its impact on ODOT and District 8's Capital Improvement Program. This will be a great opportunity to get the latest information on this major funding source for our infrastructure. Steve Mary does a fantastic job organizing speakers for our General Membership meetings, thanks Steve!

Our group remains one of the most active in the region, thanks in large part to an energized Membership and great Board of Directors. You can get all the information about upcoming events on our website. Also, you can now follow us on LinkedIn to stay up-to-date. We are really focused on growing our membership as we come out of the pandemic years, if you know anyone interested in ASHE please direct them to our website for information and to sign up, or to any board member.

As my time as Section President winds down, I want to thank the Members and Board for all that you do for the Triko Valley Section. It was an exciting time as this year saw the return of in-person meetings and events, with the highlight for me being the great attendance we had at our Holiday Party and CIP Presentations. I look forward continuing my involvement with the Section and wish Katie Dillenburger and the Board all the best going forward. I know they will do a great job for ASHE Triko Valley!

Brian Rhodes,  
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# ASHE-TRIKO VALLEY SECTION GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

TUESDAY, MARCH 15, 2022 | THE ORIGINAL MONTGOMERY INN, MONTGOMERY, OH / VIRTUAL MEETING

On March 15, 2022, the ASHE-Triko Valley Section held the second general membership meeting of 2022. The meeting was also available virtually to membership that could not attend the meeting. President Brian Rhodes called the meeting to order at 11:39 am, welcoming attendees, OCA and leading the Pledge of Allegiance. He announced that the first-year officer position for 2023 is available for nominations, ASHE Triko Valley started a LinkedIn page, and the ASHE National Conference will be coming to Columbus, Ohio in May 2022. Brian then asked for a motion to approve the November and January General Membership Meeting minutes. The motion was raised by Katie Dillenburger and seconded by Todd Gadbury.

For the Secretary's report, Dan Springer had nothing to report.

The treasurer's report was passed on this meeting due to wanting to conserve time with to the robust agenda for the Capital Improvements Program.

Caroline Duffy presented the PIN report. The 2022 Consolidated Appropriations Act was signed into law by President Biden on March 11<sup>th</sup>. However, the passage of the appropriations bill has led to two bills that would affect the traditional gasoline users fee at both the state and federal level. The first bill is in the Ohio State House (SB277) to reduce the motor fuel tax by 10.5 cents per gallon over a 5-year period. It would also cut the diesel fuel tax by 20 cents per gallon. If SB277 is passed, ODOT may not have the match to accept all the federal monies from the new federal transportation bill.

On the federal level, the House has introduced companion legislation, the Gas Prices Relief Act, to the Senate bill to temporarily suspend the federal gas tax of 18.4 cents per gallon until January 1, 2023. The tax holiday would result in an estimated \$20 billion from the already struggling Highway Trust Fund that supports existing state funded projects that are in process.

The largest project that will be affected by additional federal funding is the Brent Spence Bridge project. Governor Beshear and DeWine have signed a Memorandum of Understanding to apply for bridge funding from competitive grants in the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law which could take away the need for tolling the project.

Please contact your state and federal representatives and express your concern about the proposed users fee eliminations and/or reductions.

Brian Rhodes announced that there was nothing to report from the student program committee.

Brian Rhodes announced that there was nothing to report from newsletter committee.

Brian Rhodes reminded the general membership that the Triko Valley Section is looking for new members.

Terry Dull was not in attendance so there was no scholarship report presented. Brian Rhodes announced that applications are due by April 8<sup>th</sup>.

Dan Ficker was not in attendance so there was no community report presented. Brian Rhodes announced that adopt a highway cleanup will be on April 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Terry Dull was not in attendance to provide the social committee report. Brian Rhodes announced that Terry is currently planning a Sporting Clay Shooting event for October 2022.

Katie Dillenburger announced that the golf outing will be at Glenview on May 2<sup>nd</sup>. Sign-up deadline will be April 18<sup>th</sup>.

Todd Gadbury announced the Schramm Awards. The following project awards were announced:

- Intersection of Wayne Madison Road and Hamilton Trenton Road, Owner Butler County Engineer
- Montgomery/Ronald Reagan-HAM-SR126/US22-20.00/13.19, Owner City of Montgomery

Steve Mary introduced the speakers for the Capital Improvements Program:

1. KYTC District 6 – Brandon Seiter
2. ODOT District 7 – Carrie Koesters
3. ODOT District 9 – Chris Pridemore
4. ODOT District 8 – Tammy Campbell
5. Butler County (OH) – Greg Wilkens
6. Clermont County (OH) – Jeremy Evans
7. Hamilton County (OH) – Todd Gadbury
8. Montgomery County (OH) – Paul Gruner
9. Warren County (OH) – Kurt Weber
10. Boone County (KY) – Dan Menetrey
11. City of Cincinnati (OH) – Bill Schefcik

The meeting was adjourned at 12:50 pm.

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# ASHE PIN Report – May 2022

At the ASHE 2022 National Conference Opening Session on May 13<sup>th</sup>, Hari Kall, Associate Administrator for Infrastructure for FHWA, gave a summary of the Bipartisan Infrastructure (BIL) funding programs. The BIL contains many different funding programs, with \$305B slated for the highway programs for FY 22 through FY 26. The funding of the program includes the Highway Trust Fund supplemented by \$47.3B from the general funds plus another \$90B transfer from the General Fund to the Highway Trust Fund to keep the Highway Trust Fund solvent.

There are several new programs, including formula programs such as resilience, carbon reduction, bridge formula program, transportation alternatives, and electric charging infrastructure (500,000 charges by 2030), and discretionary programs such as existing programs like INFRA and MEGA, and new funding programs such as rural surface transportation grant, resilience, wildlife crossing, safe streets and roads for all, and reconnecting communities pilot program. This new funding is focused on safety, bridges, climate change, resilience and project delivery.

This funding will provide more opportunities for local governments and other non-traditional entities such as tribal governments and nonprofit organizations. Half of the nation's 40,000 fatalities per year are occurring on locally owned roadway systems and this funding is hoped to help the nation reach Vision Zero goals. For example, the bridge formula program of \$27.5 per year is providing 15% of state funding for local bridges at 100% funding with no local match. This federal funding also allows for planning grants for design as well as construction grants. This new funding will have provisions to allow local hiring preference and will require the Buy America on materials.

ODOT is also expected to receive an additional \$250M to \$300M per year from BIL. Go to this website for further information: <https://www.transportation.ohio.gov/programs/catalogue-for-jump-pages/bipartisan-infrastructure-law-bil-jump>. The ODOT contact is Andrew Shepler at 614-466-2348 and his email is [Andrew.Shepler@dot.ohio.gov](mailto:Andrew.Shepler@dot.ohio.gov).

The ASHE PIN would like to thank you all for your grassroots efforts and support that has resulted in this new game changing law to revitalize our aging infrastructure and to build the new infrastructure our nation needs.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PROGRAM

Please contact Steve Mary, program chair, with ideas for future meeting presentations.

### SCHOLARSHIP

The scholarship committee is currently evaluating applications. Thank you students for the great response!

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### SOCIAL

The social committee is planning a sporting clay shooting event that will be held on Friday, October 14, 2022. Stay tuned for more information.

### ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY

Thanks to those who volunteered for cleaning up the ASHE Adopt-a-Highway site at the I-71SB entrance ramp to Ronald Reagan Highway (Route 126). Our next cleanup date will be held this fall.

### GOLF OUTING

Thanks to those who attended and sponsored the 2022 ASHE Triko Valley Section LlyodWallace Golf Outing that was held on Monday, May 2, 2022 at Glenview Golf Course. Please provide feedback to any board member so that we can continue to make improvements to this very important event that supports our scholarship fund.

## ASHE TRIKO VALLEY MEETING

### May General Membership Meeting

TUESDAY, MAY 17, 2022, 11:30 AM | THE ORIGINAL MONTGOMERY INN / VIRTUAL MEETING

Please join us for our last meeting of the season where our speaker will be Stefan Spinosa from ODOT District 8, presenting the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) and its impact on ODOT and District 8's Capital Improvement Program.

### ADVERTISING OPPORTUNITIES!

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## ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY

On April 23<sup>rd</sup> ASHE members and families participated in cleaning up our adopted section of highway at the SR 126 and I-71 interchange on a rare warm Ohio spring morning.

Ten bags of trash were collected along with a car bumper and other crash remnants. A good lesson for the younger folks that participated to keep the phones down and eyes on the road when behind the wheel.

Special thanks to ASHE members Kelsey Dempsey and Aaron Muck for participating.

Look for another cleanup event sometime this summer.



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## GOLF OUTING

The 2022 ASHE Triko Valley Section Lloyd Wallace Memorial Golf Outing was held on Monday, May 2, 2022 at Glenview Golf Course. We had a beautiful day of golf and fun and while our attendance was lower than in years past, we had a great group of 24 golfers and 15 sponsors that supported our scholarship fund.



Congratulations to our winners and participants!

And a special thank you to Dunrobin Associates, who sponsored all three categories (hole, lunch, and beverage).

Thank you, Beth & Dunrobin Associates!



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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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