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FRANKLIN COUNTY ENGINEER

March 10, 2022

RE: CLEVELAND AVE CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENT PROJECT FRA-CR75-0.9, PID 113718

Dear Residents and Property Owners,

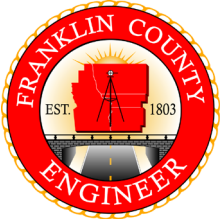
Due to the pandemic, the Franklin County Engineer's Office hosted an online open house period from January 1, 2022, to February 15, 2022, where residents and stakeholders were invited to review information about a future pedestrian safety project along Cleveland Avenue from Huy Road to E Cooke Road. We received several comments throughout the online open house period. This letter is to serve as an update to the design of the project and how those concerns are either addressed or not addressed due to project constraints. As reported on the online open house documents, construction could start as early as April 2024 and last through October 2024.

Comment #1: I have been in business for 33 years at 3660 Cleveland Ave. I am excited to get some improvements. There used to be a traffic light at my street (Lamont) which is a dangerous curve. Would love to have that back for everyone's safety. Let me know if I can be of any help on this project.

Response: Thank you for your support of this project. We are looking forward to the proposed improvements along this corridor to help ODOT's Initiative Towards Zero Deaths. A traffic signal is not proposed at the Cleveland Avenue and Lamont Street intersection. In order to improve safety due to the curvature of Cleveland Avenue at this location, the project proposes to eliminate all left turns at this intersection with the installation of a median on Cleveland Avenue.

Comment #2: Seems a waste of money. How will this improve anything? Deal with the trash, drugs, and crime first. The reason I don't walk is because I fear getting attacked, robbed, shot etc. Not for lack of proper crossings and cement islands.

Response: We received federal funding to design and build this project specifically to address pedestrian safety concerns along the corridor. This project was granted this funding due to the number and severity of past pedestrian crashes along Cleveland Avenue. The Cleveland Avenue Corridor Improvement Project will improve safety for pedestrians and visibility for drivers by adding crosswalks and raised medians, installing rectangular rapid flashing beacons at



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pedestrian crossings, road widening & resurfacing, upgrading street lighting, and replacing traffic signals.

Comment #3: I own a business at 3580 Cleveland Ave. The business must have access to Cleveland Ave. Customers must be able to turn left into and exiting my parking lot onto Cleveland Ave, changing my access to Cleveland Ave will devastate my business.

Response: We will further investigate the described Southbound Left-Turning movement into 3580 Cleveland Avenue and determine whether a gap in the proposed raised median is warranted based on traffic and safety impacts.

Comment #4: Clinton Township would like to include some softscape, including trees, in the islands. We're thinking the two non-crosswalk islands south of Innis and the ones between Popeye's/Tim Horton and between Tim Horton/Long John Silvers. For all the other islands we'd prefer colored stamped concrete. The Township has stated they would take maintenance responsibility for the softscape islands. We would also like to pursue entry signage, one on the south end of the project and one on the north.

Response: The softscape medians and entry signage as requested by Clinton Township will be incorporated into the project's Stage 2 plans. Easements will be necessary for any proposed gateway entry signage and will be incorporated into the project's right-of-way plans.

Sincerely,

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