Project Information

Application ID	2019-D06-06	**Date Submitted**	5/31/2019
Project Name	**Columbus Far East Freeway Project 1, Phase 1 (SB270 to EB70 to Brice Rd) / FRA-70-22.61**		
ODOT District	District 6	**County**	Franklin
ODOT PID	95639	**Project Mode**	Roadway

What is the current TRAC Tier	Tier II - Development
What is the requested TRAC Tier	Tier I - Construction
Please identify the project mode (roadway, transit or freight):	Roadway

Project Description:

This first phase of the first project of the Far East Freeway is to address congestion and safety in the I-70 corridor east of Downtown Columbus. The project will replace the southbound I-270 to eastbound I-70 loop ramp with a flyover ramp and construct auxiliary lanes along eastbound I-70 between I -270 and Brice Rd. Phases 2 and 3 are PID 98232 that address Brice Road interchange and I-70 WB to I-270 also being requested for Tier I status. The 4th and final phase is PID 99959 future work.

Project Sponsor Information

Project Name	us Far East Freeway Project 1, Phase 1 (SB270 to EB70 to Brice Rd) / FRA-
Sponsoring Agency	ODOT D-6
Project Contact	Dirk Gross
Phone	(740) 833-8375
Email	dirk.gross@dot.ohio.gov
Address	400 E. William St.
City	Delaware
State	Ohio
Zip Code:	43015
What Type of Application Are you Submitting?	Existing TRAC Project - Tier I, II or III project seeking additional funds to advance to the next stage of project development.

Project Schedule

New projects are required to supply project milestone information. Please select the status of each milestone below as either Not Yet Started, In Progress or Completed. Additionally please enter the corresponding date for the milestone and status.

	Status	Date
Planning Studies	Complete	4/1/2005
Interchange Modification Study (IMS) / Interchange Justification Studies (IJS)	Complete	12/18/2016
Preliminary Engineering Studies	Complete	7/30/2014
Environmental / NEPA Approval	Complete	6/16/2015
Detailed Design	In Progress	3/19/2021
Right-of-way Acquisition	Not Started	3/12/2021
Utility Relocation	Not Started	5/4/2020

Transportation Information

In an effort to understand the complex issues associated with the project TRAC collects a variety of transportation related data and information in the evaluation process including: congestion data, safety data, truck traffic, and model derived transportation values; such as, cost/benefit analysis and air quality. The roadway segments associated with the application is the basis of this analysis. Transit and Freight related projects should identify the roadway segments that will receive the benefit from projects implementation.

New project applications must identify the **primary roadway segment** that will be improved by the project and ancillary roadways that will be improved as part of the project.

	ODOT NLFID	Begin Point	End Point
Primary Roadway Segment	SFRAIR00070**C	22.61	24.94

Secondary Roadway Segments	SFRAIR00270**C	41.6	43.64

New Roadways / New Alignment	

Begin Latitude	Begin longitude	End Latitude	End longitude

Transit Multi-Modal Project Information

Transit Type	Not Applicable
Route/Number	Not Applicable
Peak Hour Ridership	Not Applicable
Existing Capacity	Not Applicable
Existing Peak Hour Ridership / Capacity Ratio	Not Applicable
Added Peak Hour Capacity	Not Applicable
Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) Reduction	Not Applicable

Freight Multi-Modal Project Information

Freight Type	Not Applicable
Route/Number	Not Applicable
Existing Freight Volume	Not Applicable
Existing Freight Capacity	Not Applicable
Existing Freight Volume / Existing Freight Capacity Ratio	Not Applicable
Freight Capacity Increase	Not Applicable
Truck Miles Traveled (TMT) Reduction	Not Applicable

Strategic Transportation System (STS) Connections

The Strategic Transportation System (STS), identified as part of Access Ohio 2040 - ODOT's long range transportation plan - stratifies Ohio's significant transportation corridors and inter-modal hubs across Ohio. Additional information about the STS and Access Ohio 2040 can be view at the Access Ohio 2040 Website

Is the project part of an STS corridor?	Yes
Will the project facilitate a connection between two or more corridors or modal hubs identified on the STS?	Yes

Please provide a brief explanation as to how this project will facilitate a connection between two or more STS resources.

The project will eliminate a major bottleneck between the I-270 and I-70 corridors by replacing a loop ramp with a flyover and reducing weaves on both I-270 and I-70 through the project area.

Will the project connect an STS resource with a local freight or transit facility or resource?	Yes

Please provide a brief explanation as to how this project will connect an STS resource with a local freight or transit facility or resource

The project will alleviate bottlenecks encountered by trucks headed for the JCPenney Catalog Center at I-70 and Brice Rd.

Local Investment Factors

Built Out Local Attributes

Local Investment factors analysis and evaluation of the dollar value of existing, local built-out attributes such as streets, water, and land use. For this analysis TRAC has standardized the project area as a one-mile "rectangular" buffer around the primary roadway segment. Additionally TRAC also considers percentage of acres served by local services within the rectangular buffer with the following formula: ***(Length of the primary roadway segment in miles + 2 miles) x 2 miles x 640 acres)***

What is the length of the primary roadway segment being improved by the project?	4.37
Estimated Project Area Acreage	8,154

What is the estimated percentage of acres being served by the local services within the estimated project area calculated above?

Local Streets and Roadways	100%
Electrical Service	100%
Water and Sewer Service	100%

What is the estimated square footage for the following building types within the calculated project area?

Light Industrial	72,000
Heavy Industrial	312,000
Warehouse	2,510,000
Commercial	1,227,000
Institutional	

What is the estimated percentage of road route miles served by transit routes (excluding ADA/Para Transit) within the project area?	100%
What is the estimated percentage of existing building square footage that is currently vacant?	6%

New Local Investments

TRAC will consider the monetized value of public investments or commitments for new, non-project infrastructure and private investments within 5-year time horizon prior to and after the date of this TRAC Application.

What is the dollar value of committed or recent public investment in new, non-project infrastructure within the project area? (Millions)	$ 11
What is the present value of private investment in existing facilities within the project area? (Millions)	$ 24

Economic Distress - Poverty & Unemployment Rates

As part of the application scoring process, ODOT collects county level information as the standard measurement for poverty and unemployment factors; however, if a project sponsor provides defensible data at a sub-county or census tract level, TRAC can consider that level of geographic analysis for scoring and evaluation.

Do you want to enter distress values for a sub-county area to be used in the evaluation of this application?	No - I want to use the information collected by ODOT.

County	
Sub-County Poverty Rate	
Poverty Rate Data Source	
Sub-County Unemployment Rate	
Unemployment Rate Data Source	

Project Funding Plan

TRAC Funding Request

Please indicate the amount of funding being requested by phase and fiscal year. Funding requests should consider the funding that will be needed with the next two fiscal years.

Which phase(s) you are requesting new TRAC funding for as part of this application?	RW - Right-of-way CO - Construction

	Amount (Millions)	Requested Fiscal Year
PE Funding Request		
DD Funding Request		
RW Funding Request	$ 1.50	2020
CO Funding Request	$ 73.10	2022
Total New TRAC Funding Request	**$ 74.60**	

Has TRAC previously committed funding for the development or construction of this project?	Yes

PE	DD	RW	CO
	$ 7.49		

Will additional TRAC funds be needed for future phases of development or construction?	Yes

PE	DD	RW	CO
		$ 1.03	$ 53.60

Local Funding Commitments

Project Development and construction can be funded with multiple local funding sources. The questions below will help identify the funding sources for this project.

Will local funding sources be used in the development or construction of this project?	No
What is the total number of local funding sources for the development and construction of this project?	

Local funding Source (1)			
PE	**DD**	**RW**	**CO**

Local funding Source (2)			
PE	**DD**	**RW**	**CO**

Local funding Source (3)			
PE	**DD**	**RW**	**CO**

Local funding Source (4)			
PE	**DD**	**RW**	**CO**

Local funding Source (5)			
PE	**DD**	**RW**	**CO**

Local Funding Totals

PE	**DD**	**RW**	**CO**

ODOT Program or Earmark Funding Commitments

Will funding from another ODOT program or legislative earmarks be used in the development or	No

PE	DD	RW	CO

OTIC Turnpike Bond Revenue Funding

Have Ohio Turnpike and Infrastructure Commission (OTIC) Revenue Bonds been committed for the	No

PE	DD	RW	CO

Funding Summary

	PE	DD	RW	CO
Local Funding				
ODOT / Earmark Funding				
OTIC Bond Funding				
Previous TRAC Funding		$ 7.49		
New TRAC Funding			$ 1.50	$ 73.10
Future TRAC Funding			$ 1.03	$ 53.60
Funding Totals		$ 7.49	$ 2.53	$ 126.70

Total Project Cost	$ 136.72

Total Local	Total ODOT	Total OTIC	Total TRAC
			$ 136.72
% Local	**% ODOT**	**% OTIC**	**% TRAC**
			100.0%

Tier I Construction Estimate

Projects requesting Tier I status are required to submit a budgetary construction estimate. Additionally estimates must be inflated to the anticipated year of construction.

Roadway	$ 21.40
Drainage	$ 2.70
Traffic Control	$ 0.90
Structures	$ 19.20
Retaining Walls	$ 14.60
Railroad	
Contingency	$ 11.80
Total Estimate	$ 71.00
Date of Inflated Estimate	3/19/2022
Year of Inflation Estimate	74.6

MPO & District Acknowledgement

MPO Acknowledgement

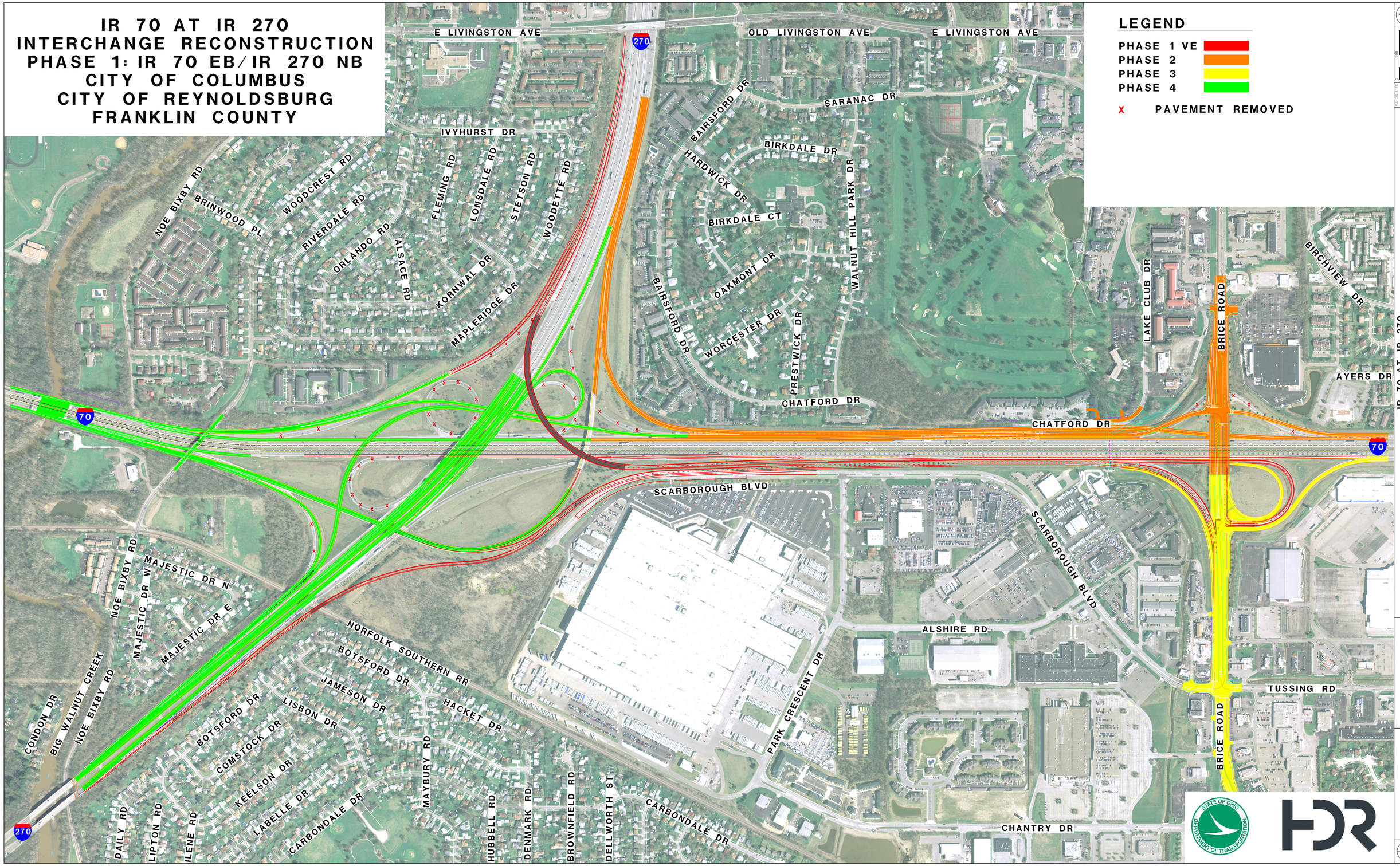
Is this project within the boundaries of a Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)?	Yes
Please identify the respective MPO.	MORPC
Has the MPO provided a letter or support or acknowledgment for this project?	No

District Acknowledgement

Has the appropriate ODOT District Planning Office been contacted about the development and construction of this project?	Yes
Has the ODOT District Office provided a letter or support or acknowledgment for this project?	Yes

Attachments

IR 70 AT IR 270
INTERCHANGE RECONSTRUCTION
PHASE 1: IR 70 EB/IR 270 NB
CITY OF COLUMBUS
CITY OF REYNOLDSBURG
FRANKLIN COUNTY



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IR 70 AT IR 270

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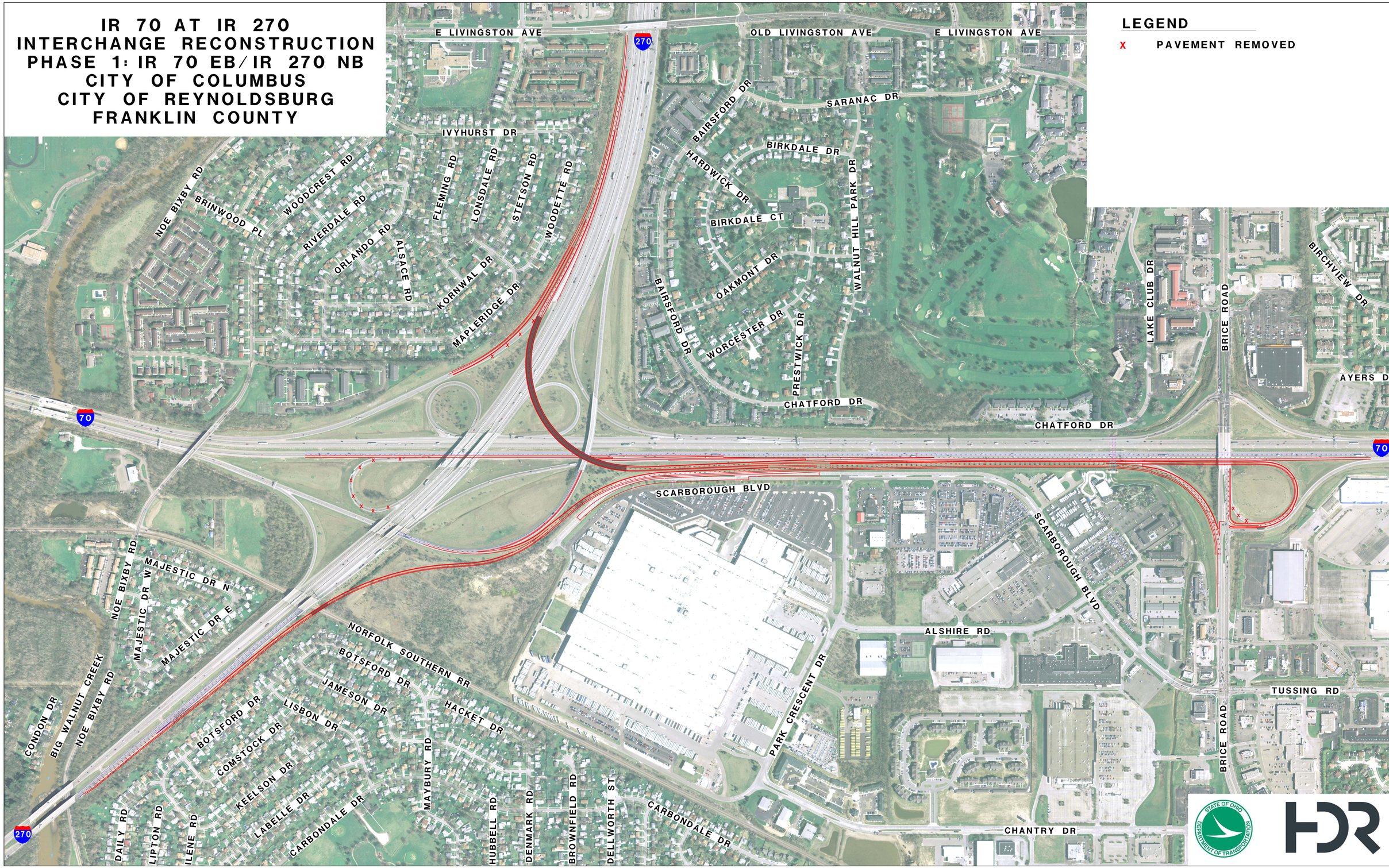

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IR 70 AT IR 270
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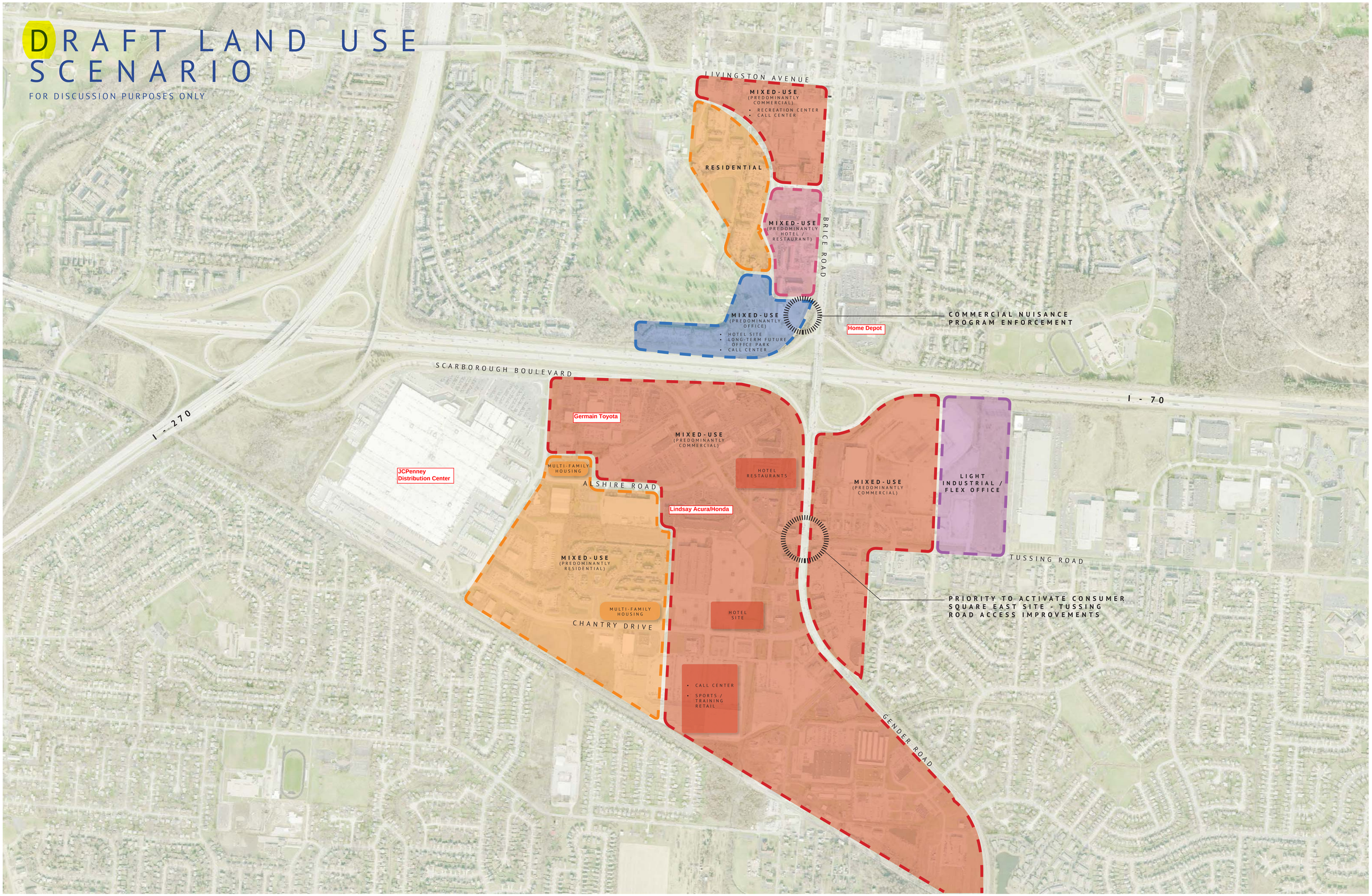

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EDGE
Sidestreet Planning
Urban Decision Group
BKP Consulting

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BRICE - TUSSING MARKET STUDY

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September 30, 2014

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District 6

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RE: Support for the (i-70) Far East Freeway Road Project

Dear Mr. Slack:

I am writing to express our concern and support for the request for TRAC commission funding to improve the 1-70 corridor at Brice and Tussing Rds.

Central Ohio and Franklin County is one of the most commuted regions in the USA. The I-70 corridor, according to ODOT is the "3rd most congested and high crash freeway location in Central Ohio, with over 1784 crashes from 2008-2010, and 7 fatalities". The Far East Project is crucial to this area in decreasing risks of more crashes in the futures as the area's population continues to grow.

Our company, Allied Fabricating & Welding has been here off of Brice Rd. for over 40 years. It's good to see new businesses coming in to our area such as the following: Front Room Furnishings, Capital City Auto Auction, CNG and Lindsay Honda to name a few. Then to include the other businesses who have been here awhile: Sports Authority, Dollar Tree, Bob Boyd Fiat, and The Anderson's General Store and others.

We haven't mentioned the residences close by and of course customer traffic generated from all the businesses. Pedestrians, shoppers, workers are all at risk without the Far East Freeway Project. It will also assist in future economic growth for not just Columbus but Ohio will attribute also. We support in acting diligently to address the needs of this area before more lives are lost or injured.

Sincerely,

Joe Caminiti, President

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The Far East Freeway project is vitally needed to support the safety of travelers, daily commuters, and is an important step in maintaining the economic growth for not only the City of Columbus, but for the state of Ohio's strong economic future. We support in acting now to address the needs of this area.

Sincerely,

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Sincerely,

Paul Ackers
president

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Sincerely,

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Re: Far East Freeway Road Project

Dear Thom Slack,

I am writing to express our support for TRAC commission funding to improve the I-70 corridor at Brice Rd and Tussing Rd.

As you are aware of the volume of traffic this area see's the safety and reduction of congestion is crucial to the economic rebirth this area is experiencing.

It would be a great disservice to this area and community to not support the regrowth and insure it can grow in a uncongested safe manner.

The I-70 Corridor at Brice and Tussing is on track to full occupancy and this improvement project will help and support the economic growth this area needs and deserves.

Our entire State of Ohio can only gain from such a project.

Sincerely,

Patty Ackers

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Sincerely, Adam Kull

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Ohio Department of Transportation - District 6 October 1, 2014
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Re: **Support for the (I-70 corridor) Far East Freeway Road Project**

Dear Thom Slack,

On behalf of **Fine Line Auto Body, Inc.**, I am writing to express our support for the request for TRAC commission funding to improve the I-70 corridor at Brice Road and Tussing Road. Based on information from ODOT, Central Ohio and Franklin County is one of the most commuted regions in the USA. The I-70 Corridor is the "3rd most congested and high crash freeway locations in Central Ohio, with over 1,784 crashes from 2008-2010, and 7 fatalities." The far east project is crucial to this area in decreasing risks of more crashes in the future as the area's population continues to grow.

In addition to safety, the planned improvements to the I-70 corridor at Brice Road and Tussing Road represent a strong project beneficial in the continued growth and development of Far East Businesses that have a history in the area, such as Fine Line Auto Body, Lindsay Honda, Lindsay Acura, Germain Toyota, Bob Boyd Fiat, The Anderson's General Store, and many others. Additionally, Front Room Furnishings, Lumber Liquidators and several other businesses are newly invested in this area.

The Far East Freeway Road Project is vitally needed to support the safety of travelers and daily commuters, and is an important step in maintaining the economic growth for not only the city of Columbus, but for the state of Ohio's strong economic future. We support in acting now to address the needs of the people and businesses in the area.

Sincerely,

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Tigran Safaryan
Owner Fine Line Auto Body

Lindsay HONDA

Lindsay ACURA

September 23, 2014

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In addition to safety, the planned improvements to the I-70 corridor at Brice Rd. and Tussing Rd. represents a strong project beneficial in the continued growth and development of far east businesses, including Lindsay Honda and Lindsay Acura, who have a $7 million investment into the community. Additionally, Front Room Furnishings, Lumber Liquidators and several other businesses are newly invested in this area as well.

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Sincerely,

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October 1, 2014

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Re: Support for the (I-70 corridor) Far East Freeway Road Project

Dear Thom Slack,

As one of the concerned far east Columbus area business owners, I want to express Scarborough East Tennis Club's (established 1982) support for the request for TRAC commission funding to improve the I-70 / Brice Road / Tussing Road corridor.

Central Ohio / Franklin County is one of the most commuted regions in the USA. The I-70 corridor, according to ODOT is the "3rd most congested and has experienced over 1784 crashes with 7 fatalities from 2008-2010." This project is crucial to the safety of all who travel this highly congested corridor.

Also, the planned improvements to the I-70 corridor at Brice Road and Tussing Road will help benefit the far east businesses as the area begins to grow again. We are very excited to have Front Room Furnishings and Lumber Liquidators recently join our business area.

The Far East Freeway project is vitally important to the safety of travelers, daily commuters, and is an important step to continue the much needed economic growth on the Far East side of Columbus, as well as the city of Columbus. This will be another step to maintaining the state of Ohio's strong economic future. We support acting now, to address the needs of this area.

Sincerely,

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Owner/Manager
Scarborough East Tennis Club

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October 1, 2014

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Attn: Thom Slack

RE: Support for the (I-70 Corridor) Far East Freeway Road Project

Dear Mr. Slack,

As an owner and on behalf of the Scarborough East Tennis Club, I am writing to express my/our support of the request for TRAC Commission funding to improve the I-70 corridor at Brice Road and Tussing Road.

I believe the far east project is crucial to this area in decreasing future crash risks. In addition to safety, the planned improvement represents a strong project beneficial in the continued growth and development of the area. It is very important for us to have this infrastructure.

Thank you very much!

Regards,

Bob Weiler

Bob Weiler
Owner

Information contained herein has been obtained from the owner of the property or from other sources that we deem reliable. We have no reason to doubt its accuracy, but we do not guarantee it.

Gross, Dirk

From: Slack, Thomas
Sent: Friday, May 31, 2019 11:43 AM
To: Gross, Dirk
Cc: Turowski, Anthony; Blackford, Mitchell; Dina Lopez
Subject: ODOT District Six TRAC Acknowledgement - Far East Freeway 270/Brice Phase 1 (PID 95639)

Dirk;

I have reviewed the application to request TRAC Tier 1 status and construction funding for the first phase of the I-70/I-270/Brice Rd interchanges on the East Side of Columbus.
Because the project can be ready for construction in State Fiscal Year 2022 and completes a phase of the Far East Freeway Study on two major freight corridors it is a worthy candidate for Tier 1 status. This area includes several of the top statewide freeway safety locations and the project will address many of those conflict points.
The project request is consistent with the District's priorities and I recommend it for submittal and consideration by the TRAC.

Thank you for your efforts to deliver the project.

--Thom

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May 30, 2019

Mr. Jack Marchbanks, Ph.D., Director
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Re: Franklin County I-70 Far East Freeway TRAC Application

Dear Director Marchbanks:

This letter seeks to provide your department with an update relative to MORPC's involvement with the I-70 Far East Freeway project and Transportation Review Advisory Council (TRAC) application. For several years, MORPC has been coordinating with ODOT District 6, the City of Columbus, and other local partners regarding the planned improvements identified in ODOT's Far East Freeway Study. During public involvement activities, we have heard many comments from the local residents and businesses that support safety and congestion improvements in this corridor.

During our bi-annual application process for MORPC-attributable federal transportation funding that concluded in early March of this year, the City of Columbus submitted a funding application seeking $18.6 million towards the I-70 and Brice interchange, one component of the Far East Freeway improvements. The city's application, along with all other attributable funding applications, was evaluated against the goals of the region's Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) and was the highest-scoring application in the Major Widening/New Roadway project category.

MORPC's Attributable Funding Committee (AFC), the committee responsible for advising MORPC committees on the allocation of federal funds, recommended that no Major Widening/New Roadway projects would be funded in the last application cycle. This was due to the uncertainly related to state transportation budget and the TRAC program. The committee determined that once the transportation budget was determined, the region would be better positioned to make funding commitments among large regional projects that could also be seeking funds from TRAC or other state programs. Therefore, attributable funds were not committed to the project at that time.

The AFC is currently reviewing the policies that guide the allocation of attributable funding and will consider new funding applications next year. Applications related to the Far East Freeway will likely continue to be highly-ranked and competitive for funding. A funding commitment from TRAC during the upcoming round would only strengthen an application for attributable funding.

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