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**Re: Dayton International Airport - Northeast Logistics Access Project
North Dixie Drive, Northwoods Blvd., Lightner Road, CR 25A Improvements
PID 115795
Project Status Update**

Dear Interested Party:

The purpose of this letter is to provide interested parties with an update on the status of the referenced project located in the City of Vandalia and Butler Township in Montgomery County, and Monroe Township in Miami County. An informational procure about the project was mailed to addresses along the corridor in March 2023. Enclosed is a current brochure, with the updated sections identified with blue text headings. Outlined below is a summary of the current project scope, status, and schedule.

Project Scope

Following refinement of the preliminary design, evaluation of project impacts, and consideration of public input, the project sponsors have selected a preferred alternative and intend to proceed with the following roadway improvements, as previously presented:

- Add a continuous center left turn lane on North Dixie Drive and the eastern portion of Lightner Road in Butler Township, to remove turning vehicles from the through lanes.
- Upgrade existing substandard shoulders with standard 4-foot paved shoulders or curb & gutter sections.
- Provide a shared use path along the east side of North Dixie Drive and the south side of Lightner Road.
- Replace the existing stop-controlled North Dixie Drive and Lightner Road T-intersection with a modern roundabout and new approaches on North Dixie Drive, Lightner Road, and CR 25A.
- Upgrade the North Dixie Drive and Northwoods Blvd. traffic signal with mast arms and improved timing/phasing, including converting the existing southbound thru/left lane to a left turn only lane, providing for a future dual southbound left turn lane, and converting the northbound thru/right lane to a right turn only lane.

Project Status

Designs for the roadway improvements described above have been refined and optimized. Preliminary and intermediate construction plans for the project have been developed by the

design consultant, Carpenter Marty Transportation, and reviewed and approved by the Montgomery County Engineers Office, the City of Vandalia, and the Ohio Department of Transportation. Final engineering of these improvements is now underway.

Project Schedule

Final construction plans are expected to be completed in July 2026. The project is currently expected to be awarded to a contractor in December 2026, with construction beginning in March 2027 and extending through the fall of 2028. Private utility relocations are expected to occur in 2026, the year prior to project construction.

Maintenance of Traffic

In general, traffic is expected to be maintained in both directions on all project roadways throughout the construction period. As the roadways are reconstructed and widened, traffic shifts will be implemented to allow work to be performed on the opposite side of the road. Once portions of the new lanes and replacement pavements have been constructed, traffic will be shifted onto the new construction and the other side of the roadway will be completed. In limited cases, such as construction of drainage culverts across a roadway, flaggers will be used to maintain two-way traffic on one lane.

However, exceptions to maintaining all traffic movements will occur during construction of the roundabout at North Dixie Drive and Lightner Road. To complete this work, certain movements through the intersection must be closed to traffic and detour routes established. While the roundabout is under construction, right turns from southbound CR 25A to westbound Lightner Road will be restricted, and a detour route will be posted. Similarly, left turns from eastbound Lightner Road to northbound CR 25A will be restricted while the new roundabout is under construction, and a separate detour route will be posted.

Right of Way

The majority of the proposed improvements will either be constructed within existing right of way or will impact publicly owned lands. However, strips of property to widen the right of way permanently or temporarily will be required from many privately held properties along the project corridor. Affected property owners will receive separate correspondence in 2025 that contains details about the Public Viewing and Hearing to be scheduled for this project. Following the Public Hearing, affected property owners will be contacted later in 2025 or in 2026 to discuss the actual right-of-way needed from each parcel, explain the acquisition timeframes, and inform property owners of their rights during the acquisition process.

Project Funding

Funding for all project phases is expected to include federal participation at an 80% rate, with the remaining 20% of the funding provided by local project sponsor agencies and the Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC). To date, federal funding for the environmental and engineering phases in an amount of \$1.6 million has been awarded to the Montgomery County Engineer's Office through ODOT's Transportation Review Advisory Council (TRAC). A federal funding application for the right of way phase was submitted to TRAC in May 2024. Subsequent funding applications for the construction phase will be submitted to TRAC in 2025 and to OPWC in 2026. Continued development of the project is dependent upon receiving federal funding approval for the right of way and construction phases.

Public Questions and Comments

If you have any questions or comments about the project, please contact the Project Manager, Rick Splawinski, at (937) 496-6510 or by email at splawinskir@mcoho.org.

Sincerely,

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A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Richard G. Splawinski". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal flourish at the end.

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Project Manager

Enclosure

c: Gary Shoup, Chief Deputy Engineer
Rob Cron, Vandalia Assistant City Manager
Ben Borton, Vandalia Director of Public Service
Kevin Carpenter, Carpenter Marty Transportation