



## Project Information

Application ID

2025\_D11\_01

Date Submitted

5/29/2025

Project Name

Stark/Carroll/Columbiana US 30

ODOT District

District 11

County

Columbiana

ODOT PID

N/A

Project Mode

Roadway/Freight

Current TRAC Tier

New Project

Requested TRAC Tier

Tier III

### Project Description

The project will extend US 30 as a new four lane divided freeway from the terminus of STA-US-30-18.35 at SR44 east to connect with SR 11. It will also provide connectivity through Carroll County via a north south connector from SR 39/43 in Carroll OH to the new US 30 Corridor in Stark County.



## Project Sponsor Information

Project Name

Sponsoring Agency

Project Contact

Phone

Email

Address

City

State

Zip Code

Type of Application



## Project Schedule

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

	Status	Date
Planning Studies	In Progress	1/31/2028
Interchange Modification Study (IMS) / Interchange Justification Studies (IJS)	Not Started	1/31/2028
Preliminary Engineering Studies		
Environmental / NEPA Approval	Not Started	1/31/2028
Detailed Design	Not Started	
Right-of-Way Acquisition	Not Started	1/1/2028
Utility Relocation	Not Started	1/1/2028



# 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
<b>Primary Roadway Segment</b>	SSTAUS00030**C	22.010	33.450

<b>Secondary Roadway Segments</b>	CCOLUS00030**C	0.000	26.020

**New Roadways / New Alignment**

US 30

**Begin Latitude**

**Begin Longitude**

**End Latitude**

**End Longitude**

40.78709

-81.268015

40.715525

-80.871147



*Transit Multi-Modal Project Information*

Transit Type

Route/Number

Peak Hour Ridership

Existing Capacity

Added Peak Hour Capacity

Peak Hour Ridership/Capacity Ratio

Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) Reduction

*Freight Multi-Modal Project Information*

Freight Type

Route/Number

Existing Freight Volume

Existing Freight Capacity

Existing Freight Volume /  
Existing Freight Capacity Ratio

Freight Capacity Increase

Truck Miles Traveled (TMT) Reduction



## Strategic Transportation System (STS) Connections

The Strategic Transportation System (STS), identified as part of Access Ohio 2045 (Ohio's long range transportation plan), stratifies Ohio's significant transportation corridors and inter-modal hubs. Additional information about the STS and Access Ohio 2045 can be found on the Access Ohio 2045 webpage.

The project is part of an STS corridor:

No

The project will 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.

This project will expand and extend the existing US 30 four-lane highway, a STS route from the STA 30-18.35 Terminus at SR 44 to SR 11 (a STS Route.) It connects west with I-77, US-250, I-71, all STS Routes.

The project will 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 US 30 Corridor connects the Wellsville Intermodal Facility to the east which serves freight transport between both river and rail to the NEOMODAL Facility to the west, a major hub for Rail to freight services.



# 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**

Length of the primary roadway segment being improved by the project:

30
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Estimated Project Area Acreage:

40,960
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What is the estimated percentage of acres being served by the local services within the estimated project area calculated above?

Local Streets and Roadways  
Electrical Service  
Water and Sewer Service

50%
100%
30%

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

Light Industrial  
Heavy Industrial  
Warehouse  
Commercial  
Institutional

1,250
1,250
1,250
5,000
500

The estimated percentage of road route miles served by transit routes (excluding ADA/Para Transit) within the project area:

0%
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The estimated percentage of existing building square footage currently vacant:

25%
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### 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.

The dollar value of committed or recent public investment in new, non-project infrastructure within the project area (millions):

\$	25
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The present value of private investment in existing facilities within the project area (millions):

\$	25
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### 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.

Are you entering 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.
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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.

Identify the phase(s) new TRAC funding is being requested for as part of this application:

PE - Preliminary Engineering

	Amount (Millions)	Requested Fiscal Year
PE Funding Request	\$ 15.0	2026
DD Funding Request		
RW Funding Request		
CO Funding Request		
<b>Total New TRAC Funding Request</b>		<b>\$ 15.0</b>

The TRAC previously committed funding for project development or construction:

No

PE

DD

RW

CO

Additional TRAC funds will be requested for future phases of project development or construction:

No

PE

DD

RW

CO



### 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.

Local funding sources will be used in project development or construction:

Total number of local funding sources:

**Local Funding Source (1)** **TIFIA, SIB or Bond Sales**

PE	DD	RW	CO
<input type="text"/>	\$ 150.0	\$ 180.0	\$ 1,500.0

**Local Funding Source (2)**

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

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

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

PE	DD	RW	CO
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**Local Funding Totals**

PE	DD	RW	CO
<input type="text"/>	\$ 150.0	\$ 180.0	\$ 1,500.0



### Non-TRAC Funding Sources

How many Non-TRAC funding sources (e.g. ODOT Program, Federal Grant, Community Project Funds) are being pursued, have given a commitment to fund, and/or have been secured for project development and/or construction activities?

0
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PE	DD	RW	CO

### Funding Summary

	PE	DD	RW	CO
Local Funding		\$ 150.0	\$ 180.0	\$ 1,500.0
Non-TRAC				
Previous TRAC Funding				
New TRAC Funding	\$ 15.0			
Future TRAC Funding				
Funding Totals	\$ 15.0	\$ 150.0	\$ 180.0	\$ 1,500.0
<b>Total Project Cost</b>				<b>\$ 1,845.00</b>

<b>Total Local</b>	<b>Total Non-TRAC</b>	<b>Total TRAC</b>
\$ 1,830.0		\$ 15.0
<b>% Local</b>	<b>% Non-TRAC</b>	<b>% TRAC</b>
99%		1%



# 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

Drainage

Traffic Control

Structures

Retaining Walls

Railroad

Contingency

Total Estimate

Date of Inflated Estimate

Year of Inflation Estimate



# MPO & District Acknowledgement

## MPO Acknowledgement

The project is within the boundaries of a Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) or a Regional Transportation Planning Organization (RTPO):

Identify the respective MPO or RTPO:

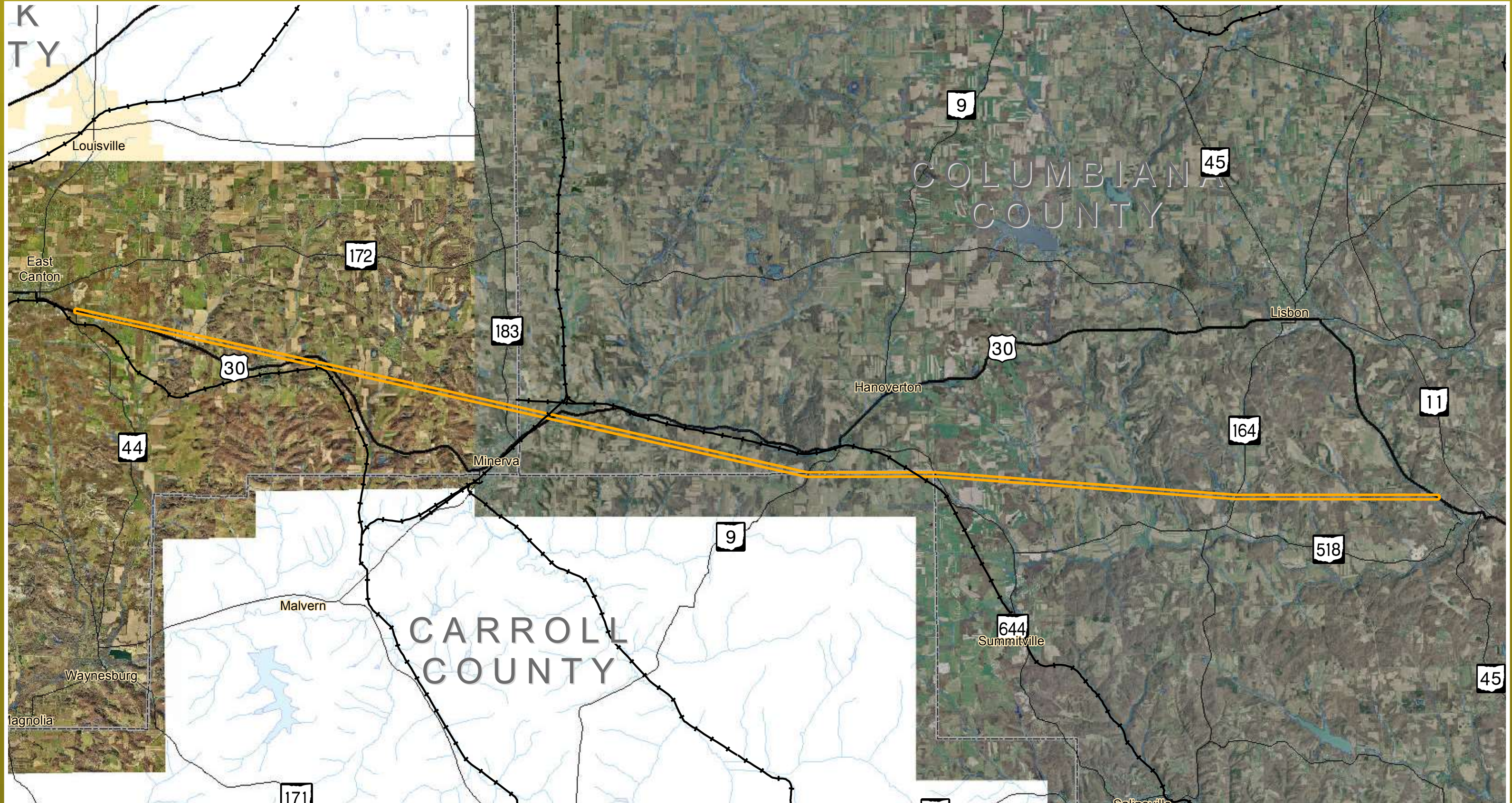
The MPO or RTPO provided a letter of support or acknowledgment:

## District Acknowledgement

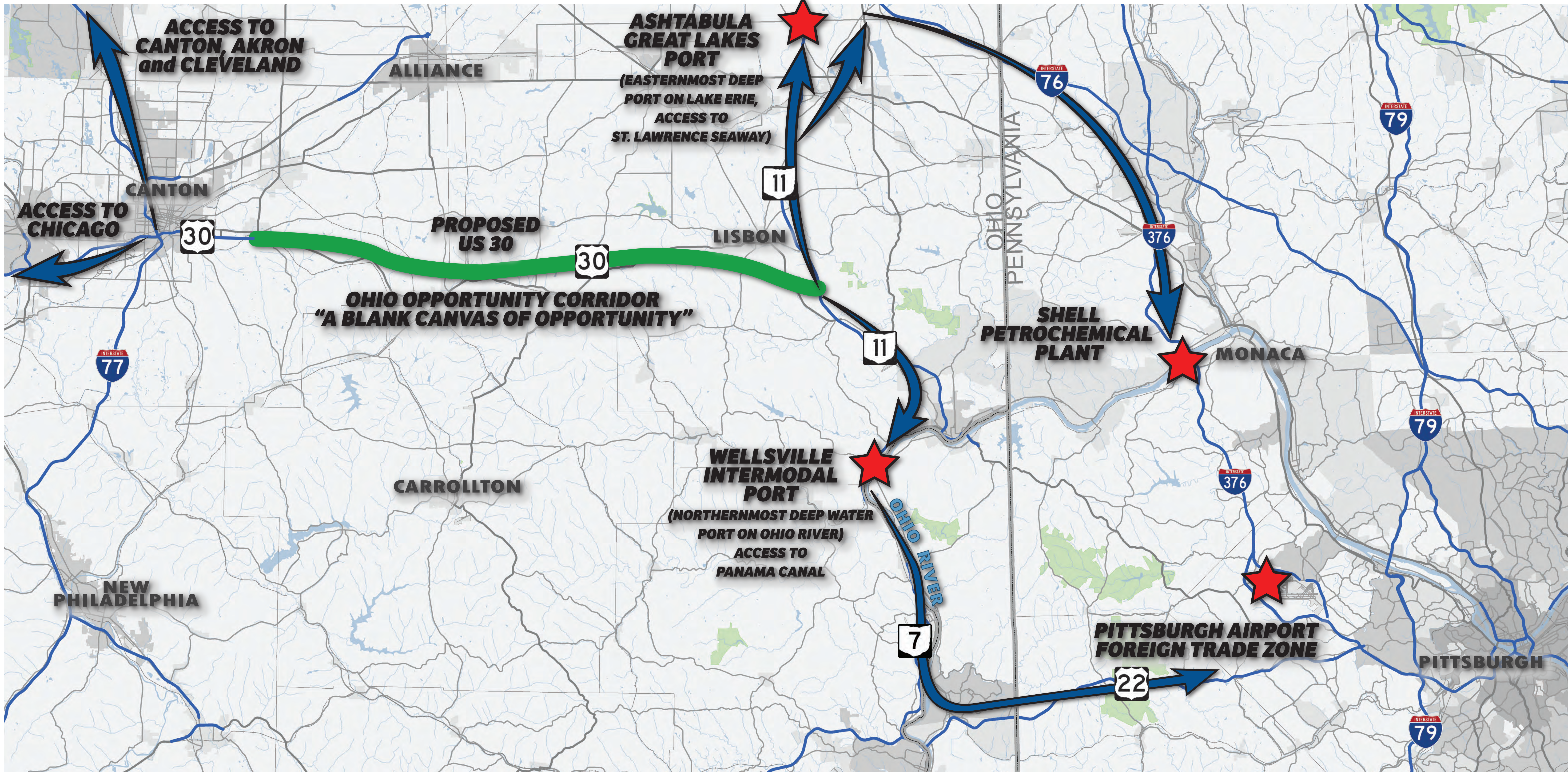
The applicant/project sponsor contacted the ODOT District Planning Office regarding project development and construction:

The ODOT District Office provided a letter of support or acknowledgment:

## Attachments



STA/COL/CAR US 30 (Ohio's Energy Corridor)





March 1, 2023

Senator Kirk Schuring Ohio State Senate  
1 Capitol Square Columbus, OH 43215

Dear Senator Schuring,

Lattice Industries, Inc. (Lattice) is honored to provide our continued support for the OH Regional Transportation Improvement Project's (RTIP's) OH Route 30 Expansion. Lattice builds resilient technology hubs that help scale connected communities like those adjacent to the proposed Rte. 30 Opportunity Corridor.

#### Collaboration and Commitment

In partnership with RTIP, Lattice will provide support to the OH Rte. 30 Expansion Project Team by developing an innovation and operations hub. This data-driven ecosystem will provide RTIP with the critical resources and expertise necessary to create a resilient and sustainable Rte. 30 Opportunity Corridor. This state-of-the-art innovation center will anchor connectivity and source intelligent innovation. This is where the Project team can leverage the hub's services to design, build, operate and maintain the optimal Intelligent infrastructure for the Corridor.

#### Ohio Center for Intelligent Infrastructure (OCII)

Through partnership with RTIP, Lattice intends to support the Project Team by developing a secure technology campus for collaborative innovation at the OCII. The OCII's operations will create permanent employment opportunities in data science and analytics, technology facilitation and operation, and smart infrastructure development. These skillsets and technologies will enable the RTIP to scale and finish the Rte. 30 Expansion Project and work to support RTIP's future digitization projects across Ohio. The OCII campus will include:

- An immersive Innovation Center with connected facilities for intelligent infrastructure job training
- Ultra-secure tier IV data center for OCII members, both public and private
- Research labs, indoor and outdoor facilities for government and industry research/testing collaboration
- Project planning technology and services including, but not limited to,
  - Digital Twin for project planning developed with ESRI Technology
  - Regional Data Exchange & Agnostic Information Management System designed by Lattice Industries
  - Community Education & Immersive Experience Training Programs provided by The Data Institute

#### Project Partner Commitments for the Development of the OCII

**Public-Sponsor Commitment:** Suitable site for the OCII Corridor Campus that will host an indoor innovation facility with a minimum 50,000 sq. footprint with nearby commercial power and water. Planning, policy and permitting support.

Lattice Industries, ESRI, and The Data Institute look forward to supporting RTIP in providing Ohioans with a world-class innovation campus for their Intelligent Infrastructure projects. The OCII will help connect the Rte. 30 supply chain and more importantly, the rural and digitally underserved communities along the RTIP's Opportunity Corridor.

Sincerely,

DocuSigned by:

*Jennifer Schmitz*

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*Jerf Schmitz*

CEO, Lattice Industries, Inc.

DocuSigned by:

*Terry Bills*

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*Terry Bills*

Dir., Global Transportation, ESRI  
Member of the Oracle Partner Network

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*Angela Murphy*

Exec. Dir., The Data Institute



Bancroft Capital, LLC  
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November 1, 2022

Senator Kirk Schuring  
Senate Majority Floor Leader, 29<sup>th</sup> District  
1 Capitol Square  
Columbus, OH 43215

Dear Senator Schuring,

I trust all has been well. On behalf of Bancroft Capital, LLC (“Bancroft”), I would like to formally express our interest in working with you and the broader regulatory and project teams overseeing the U.S. 30 Opportunity Corridor. It is hard to believe that almost four weeks have gone by since you hosted us at the Hall of Fame Village in Canton. The knowledge circulated at the Conference will serve as a robust foundation not only for this project’s success but as a blueprint for implementing this model nationwide. Bancroft will commit the full suite of its resources to ensure that you and your team have everything needed for the next stage of the Opportunity Corridor.

As a leader in project finance and municipal finance, we look forward to the opportunity to serve and invest in Ohio through structural innovation, market intelligence and expansion of investors. We bring a robust and comprehensive platform capable of marketing any potential debt at the lowest cost of borrowing.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns.

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November 22, 2022

Senator Kirk Schuring  
Senate Majority Floor Leader, 29<sup>th</sup> District  
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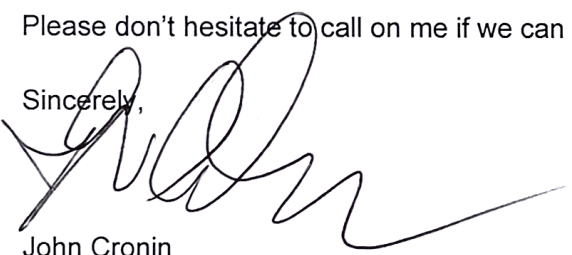
Dear Senator Schuring,

Thank you very much for hosting us at the Hall of Fame village. It was informative and inspiring. I founded BuildCoin Foundation with Norman Anderson. We shared a vision of rethinking public private partnerships to bring together the best and brightest innovators to solve the worlds biggest infrastructure problems to give citizens the opportunity to live their best lives. It is sad that Norm is no longer with us but rewarding to see Norman's vision and tireless energy come to fruition with this project.

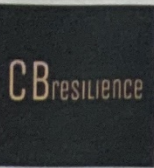
We look forward to working with you and your team on this project. We see an opportunity to set an example for other American states to follow.

Please don't hesitate to call on me if we can be of assistance.

Sincerely,



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November 9, 2022

Senator Kirk Schuring  
Senate Majority Floor Leader,  
29<sup>th</sup> District 1 Capitol Square  
Columbus, OH 43215

**U.S. 30 Opportunity Corridor.**

Dear Senator Schuring,  
I hope this email finds you well.

On behalf of CB Resilience LLC, I would like to inform you of our interest in deepening the possibility of cooperating in the realization of the project discussed at the meeting held at the Hall of Fame Village in Canton.

The companies and people involved in the conference will be able to be synergistic in the study of the project so that, in case such study will have a positive outcome, it can truly be transformed into an opportunity for all and of help to the local community. Innovation will have to be a key element so that we can really talk about "NEW AMERICAN MODEL".

The experience of our entrepreneurial group, strengthened around the world, we believe can be useful to define a replicable model of synergy between the public and private sectors.

The participation of the credit institutions, operating in financing infrastructural works and the suppliers of advanced infrastructure products, involved by you, ensure that all the components and professionalism are around the table with the common goal of the success of the initiative.

Please do not hesitate to contact us for any questions or concerns.

Stefano Borghi  
CEO, CB Resilience LLC



Dalet Access Labs  
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Antioch, CA 94531

November 10, 2022

Senator Kirk Schuring  
Senate Majority Floor Leader, 29<sup>th</sup> District  
1 Capitol Square  
Columbus, OH 43215

Dear Senator Schuring,

I trust all has been well. On behalf of Dalet Access Labs (“Dalet”), I would like to formally express our interest in working with you and the project teams overseeing the U.S. 30 Opportunity Corridor. This project will serve as the new model for Public Private Partnerships while also taking Ohio’s infrastructure to the forefront. Dalet is eager to partner with RTIP to ensure that you and your team have everything needed for the next stage of the Opportunity Corridor. We have developed similar projects throughout California, and I am confident that Dalet can play an integral role in augmenting the digital infrastructure portion of this project.

As a leader in broadband and fiber optic connectivity, we look forward to the opportunity to serve and invest in Ohio by undertaking a lead role in the deployment and scaling of intelligent broadband throughout the Opportunity Corridor. We bring a robust and comprehensive platform that has added value to school districts, cities and various municipalities that did not have access to low cost, robust and reliable connectivity.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Odion Edehomon', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Odion Edehomon  
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07 November 2022

Senator Kirk Schuring  
Senate Majority Floor Leader, 29th District  
1 Capitol Square  
Columbus, OH 43215

Dear Senator Schuring,

Thank you so much for hosting such an exhilarating and inspiring conference at the Hall of Fame Village! It was truly an uplifting time with great minds focused on the success of the US 30 Opportunity Corridor. After further discussing approaches and interests with the other formidable people and companies in attendance, Emtech Global, Inc. is submitting this letter as a formal statement of our dedicated interest in contributing to the success of what, we believe, could be the single most important project in the US. Emtech Global sees this project as an opportunity to bring a diverse group of stakeholders, investors, and contributors together as a unified whole in the greatest bipartisan movement ever seen at a critical time for our nation. A movement towards a new American model of infrastructure development, as conceived by the great mind of a great man, the late Norman Anderson.

Emtech Global's trajectory and Mr. Anderson's vision have been inextricably aligned, and the example your leadership sets in Ohio will be one for the nation to follow, by presenting best-in-class methods to promote and engender community resilience and regenerative economic development for the next 100 years. Senator, your premise fits our interests to a 'T', and we are eager to throw the full weight of our design, development, network, and financial skills behind your leadership towards a spectacular outcome.

Emtech Global has been referenced as a global thought leader in the areas of infrastructure, finance, and design. As design oriented curators, integrators, and aggregators for smart and connected communities, we employ design thinking methodologies for advanced systems and technologies in order to analyze AND synthesize goals and capabilities into a holistic and accessible master planned project. This creates an undeniable value proposition for sectors across the board.

We are truly looking forward to working with you and your team in setting the example that sets the US apart as a leader in unification strategies, showing the strength and power of our democracy to get things done and done right!

Please let me know how our company can best serve you in this initiative. We already have a few ideas and we would love to discuss them with you whenever you are ready.

Thanks again. Looking forward!

Sincerely,

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FEDERAL INFRASTRUCTURE BANK, INC.

November 11, 2022

Senator Kirk Schuring  
Ohio Senate Building  
1 Capitol Square  
Columbus, OH 43215

Dear Senator Schuring,

The U. S. 30 Conference which you hosted on October 5<sup>th</sup> in Canton was most informative and attracted the best in industry, finance and management to make this project a reality. Your efforts have created a great opportunity for the State of Ohio and the counties and citizens along the Highway 30 Corridor. This opportunity will attract great interest due to the commitment of the State of Ohio and all the parties that are and will be involved.

I was delighted to be included in your Conference through the agency of the Strategic Infrastructure Performance Institute (the Institute) and the work and leadership of Gordon Arbuckle and Anand Hemnani. My interest as President of Infra-Bk, LLC, the Federal Infrastructure Bank in formation, is to identify worthy projects for us to invest in and lend to, and the U. S. 30 Highway Corridor is such an opportunity. The major concern and criteria of investors and lenders is that there must be a strong private entity in which to invest and lend. This entity will attract the people, companies and funding that will assure success, because the motive is to make the project successful, profitable, sustainable and long lasting.

We look forward to working with you and all those that you bring to the table to make this project happen.

Sincerely yours,

William T. Nolan

Cc: Gordon Arbuckle  
Anand Hemnani

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# James K Hawley

C-LEVEL CONSULTANT – BOARD ADVISOR

INTERNATIONAL MARKETS – NEW PRODUCTS – SUPPLY CHAIN

November 10, 2022

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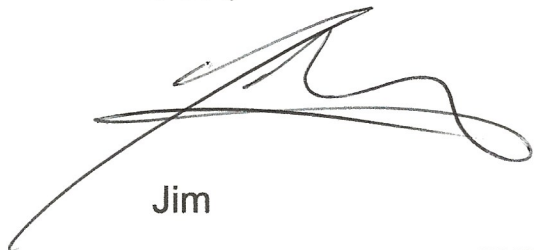
Dear Senator Schuring,

It was my pleasure to be a part of the US-30 Opportunity Corridor Project meeting at the Pro Football HOF a few weeks ago in Canton. After listening to the presentations and discussing ideas with several attendees, I am now even more interested in working with you and teams overseeing the project when and where I can add value to move things along.

My thoughts coming away from the meeting are that I can best serve the team by leading the development of some grass roots research and marketing to better involve the people of the US-30 Corridor community and the stakeholders in the project. Anand Hemnani and I have discussed ideas around a marketing program and feel it would be prudent to put something together as both a community outreach piece and stakeholder mission, vision and values piece to help articulate the benefits to everyone involved. My 30+ years in business development and marketing provides the US 30 team with the skills and expertise to develop this.

All the best with the project. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Best,



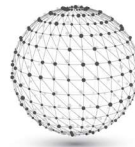
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***“Strive Not To Be A Success, But Rather To Be Of Value”***



Lattice Industries

Senator Kirk Schuring

OH Senate, 29<sup>th</sup> District, Majority Floor Leader  
1 Capitol Square  
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Dear Senator Schuring,

It was my honor to join you and regional stakeholders at the Hall of Fame Village to further discuss your vision for the US 30 Opportunity Corridor. Both Jen Schmitz, CEO, and I, as well as the Lattice Industries team, have a shared passion for the project and would like to formally state our dedicated interest to support the US 30 Opportunity Corridor.

At Lattice Industries, we believe that every community needs connectivity to advance regional opportunities. The Ohio Rte. 30 Opportunity Corridor provides, in our opinion, the future for the region. Traditional infrastructure is a necessity in this world and creating a digital foundation to more efficiently and effectively bring fringe communities the same opportunities to accelerate productivity and capture opportunity as other areas of Ohio. Our mutual goal is to enable the Rte. 30 communities to harness the value of regional supply chain and transportation information to support this initiative and provide information for wise decisions by yourselves and the other honorable members of the Ohio State Assembly.

Our team will continue to fully support your vision as needed with our expertise in digitization of connected systems and safe and secure information management that can be a revenue stream to support operations and future expansion, which is the key to new American Infrastructure model. At Lattice Industries, we know infrastructure development efficiency and a fully connected supply chain. Ohio Rte. 30 extension is a wonderful opportunity for digital return for the region; and, if properly designed with the interest of the community stakeholders in mind, the great State of Ohio will lead the country in accelerating the development of fully sustainable, connected transportation corridors.

Our goal is to support your visionary goals with our global practical experience. We hope to facilitate your efforts to enable all stakeholders a chance for digital equity in the world's first "road of tomorrow", built first for those digitally underserved in rural areas in general. We believe this new, self-sustaining, American model for infrastructure incorporates a new utility system layered upon a collaborative digital foundation which all traditional infrastructure can be built. Collaboration between public efforts for advanced societies and private industry access to capital is crucial to success. We will support this Opportunity corridor and help finance the State's investment wisely, and in perpetuity.

Please let us know how we can help further this effort. We are ready to discuss at your convenience.

Sincerely,

E. Christopher Lundquist  
Vice-Chairman, Lattice Industries, Inc.



November 11, 2022

Senator Kirk Schuring  
Senate Majority Floor Leader, 29th District  
1 Capitol Square  
Columbus, OH 43215

RE: MegaJoule Ventures US-30 Ohio Opportunity Corridor Letter of Interest

Dear Senator Schuring,

On behalf of MegaJoule Ventures LLC, I would like to thank you for including us in your exciting initiative and formally express our interest in working with you and the public-private project teams developing the U.S. 30 Ohio Opportunity Corridor.

The information presented at the Conference is a robust foundation for this project's success and is a blueprint for implementing this innovative model nationwide. MegaJoule Ventures looks forward to contributing resources to the next stage of the Opportunity Corridor.

We look forward to investing in enhancing the personal and freight mobility benefits enabled by Autonomous Vehicle, Electric Vehicle and 5G technology infrastructure that will be integrated into this proposed "information" highway corridor.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

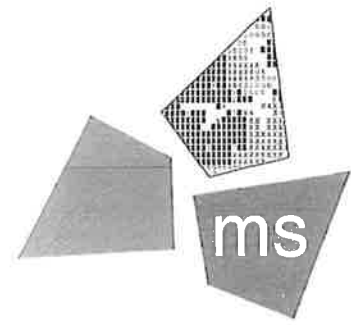
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Herbert Crowther

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November 10, 2022

Senator Kirk Schuring  
Ohio Senate, 29<sup>th</sup> District, Majority Floor Leader  
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**Re: US 30 Opportunity Corridor**

Dear Senator Schuring,

It was my honor to join you and international and regional leaders at the Hall of Fame Village to further discuss your vision for the US 30 Opportunity Corridor. Anthony Urankar, Dax Norton and I, as well as the ms consultants, inc. team, have a shared passion for the project and would like to formally state our dedicated interest to support the US 30 Opportunity Corridor.

While ms consultants has been engaged in the US 30 Corridor from the traditional side for over 20 years through preliminary environmental NEPA, to detail design on the early phase, it has not had a vision to finish till you created the vision of the RTIP and its ability to create private entities and other funding vehicles from private entities and Government sources. The RTIP and Norm Anderson vision for a new American model for infrastructure delivery is a game changer for Ohio and the Nation. Once we all understand that corridors, be they highways, pipelines and T lines, are not just that but opportunities for better financing, project delivery, operation and enhanced services for the citizens in which they serve.

We look forward to continue providing planning, environmental, program management, grant and funding alternatives, and engineering. Our experience with the first p3 in Ohio and other projects will enhance our experience with this vision. We are extremely excited about continued working with the evolving team including yourself and Mr. Anderson's move forward organization the Strategic Infrastructure Performance Institute.

ms consultants, inc is supportive of the vision for the further development of the US 30 Opportunity Corridor and the new American model.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tom Mosure', written over a horizontal line.

Thomas E. Mosure, P.E.  
Chairman



November 16, 2022

The Honorable Kirk Schuring  
Senate Majority Floor Leader, 29<sup>th</sup> District  
1 Capitol Square  
Columbus, OH 43215

Dear Senator Schuring,

On behalf of Nationwide, I want to thank you for the invitation to the U.S. 30 Opportunity Corridor in Canton last month.

As an Ohio-based Fortune 100 company and one of the largest and strongest diversified insurance and financial services organizations in the United States, our organization sees value in the project and the economic benefit to be derived by Ohio and western Pennsylvania for years to come.


Thank you for helping us to better understand the groundbreaking nature of the project and how it can positively impact other developments across the country with the “American Plan.”

On behalf of Nationwide, I would like to formally express our interest in investing in any Ohio tax credits that derive from the project.

As a leader in Ohio State Tax Credits investment the past ten years, we look forward to the opportunity to serve and invest in Ohio through this structural innovation. Nationwide has called Ohio home since 1926. As a privately-held mutual insurance company we are committed to seeing the communities we serve thrive and prosper.

Please do not hesitate to contact me or anyone within Nationwide with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,



Mathew LaMonica  
Investment Professional

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To whom it may concern. Namely Senator Kirk Schuring please note from my Vice President / General Manager roles perspective and as a Senior Executive with Nearmap I am providing an Expression Of Interest regarding the OH-30 project. Nearmap provides excellent Aerial Imagery and would be interested in participating in the great project.

Thank You.

Sincerely

Rick Cassidy  
Vice President and General Manager Nearmap Commercial Vertical.

# Regional Transportation Improvement Project

*An Expanded US Route 30 – “Ohio’s Opportunity Corridor”*

Carroll County – Columbiana County – Stark County

Secretary of Transportation Sean Duffy  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Ave. SE  
Washington, DC 20590

RE: US Route 30 Freeway Project Extension / Release of Funds

*via Certified Mail*

March 7, 2025

Dear Mr. Secretary:

I am Chairman of the Regional Transportation Improvement Project, an entity authorized under a special Ohio Statute to plan and carry out the *Ohio Opportunity Corridor Project*. The Project resulted from efforts by Dan Slane, an Ohioan who was a senior advisor to the Trump I infrastructure team. I am writing to seek your assistance in resolving serious problems with the above referenced BUILD grant – issued during the first Trump Administration as an early step in its plan to modernize and improve the Country’s infrastructure policy. Unfortunately, DOT has not yet released any funding under the grant and this important project has been very substantially delayed. The background is as follows:

At the beginning of the first Trump Administration, Mr. Slane mobilized infrastructure professionals to engage with the incoming administration to promote revision of the outmoded and counterproductive policies of previous administrations. This initiative worked closely with the Trump team on a wide range of issues, commented on a number of proposals and were making progress toward policy improvements until the Administration changed as a result of the 2020 elections.

A major point of emphasis was that Federal revenues will continue to be insufficient to fund roads, streets and bridges—much less the infrastructure of the future, such as high-speed internet, communications and data centers. President Trump’s 2018 Infrastructure Plan was built on this proposition – concluding that, to fund the infrastructure of the future, federal dollars must be leveraged with private investment. The 2018 Plan’s target was to use \$ 200 Billion in federal expenditures to generate \$2.5 Trillion in private investments. RTIP’s 2019 BUILD grant was an early step in the Trump I effort to demonstrate the feasibility of this leveraging approach.

As you know, this effort to bring in private sector investment met with opposition from those who wanted public dollars and resulting public control to be the sole driving force behind all infrastructure projects and rejected the proposition that public dollars should leverage private investment. The Congress and embedded bureaucracies resisted the Trump initiatives and the changes they demanded. RTIP’s 2019 BUILD grant has been seriously impacted by this resistance.

The grant awarded the RTIP \$18 million with which to demonstrate an innovative public private project (*The Ohio Route 30 Opportunity Corridor*) to leverage private investment in development of an extended right of way along a critical 3.6 mile first segment of the Lincoln Highway in Canton, Ohio which would lead to a 80 mile corridor in the RTIP counties and ultimately connect with Pittsburgh, PA, an important Ohio River port and Morgantown, WV. Our projections show that these leveraged investments can fund both an increased local share of the direct cost of the highway improvements and important right of way improvements for the benefit of the affected communities.<sup>1</sup>

Since 2019, the RTIP has made considerable progress in bringing the project to the point where it can conclusively demonstrate that the President's approach to infrastructure is efficacious and productive.

- We have assembled a blue-chip Core Group of some 40 significant high-tech companies, including Oracle, Quantum and ESRI, that want to participate in the project. There is substantial interest in the use of digital technology and digital twin analysis to complete an expedited environmental review of the entire 80-mile route.
- We are finalizing an agreement with the data center developer that manages the center for the RELLIS Campus at Texas A&M University. A similar data center campus is proposed for the Opportunity Corridor.
- We have secured enactment of amendments to the Ohio Statutes which establish a framework for the RTIP's planning and development of a mile wide extended right of way along the 36-mile highway route. Effective monetization of these thousands of acres of property can yield well in excess of a billion dollars in private investments and return on those investments.
- We will shortly be signing an MOU with ODOT which will establish principles of collaboration between the RTIP, ODOT and the Governor's office and enable the project to proceed.

These accomplishments have been achieved despite a lack of federal support --the Biden/Buttigieg Transportation Department has never worked with RTIP to facilitate accomplishment of the grant purposes. In addition to a general lack of support, the Department has failed, for a period of over five years, to finalize a grant agreement. It has insisted that the grant cannot be obligated for any purpose other than actual physical construction, narrowly construed, thus precluding the use of grant funds to finalize design or solicit private investment or arrange financing to generate funds for an enhanced local share. As a result, none of the grant funds have yet been obligated and the grant will expire if it is not extended.

For all of these reasons we were extremely pleased to see your order on January 29<sup>th</sup> calling for an extensive review to ensure that all DOT grants "bolster the American economy and benefit the American people"; "benefit families and communities by improving the quality of their lives;" "direct funding to local opportunity zones"; and "have strong co-funding requirements."

We are also pleased with the directive in your order for the relevant OAs to update and review all grant agreements and unilaterally amend the general terms and conditions as necessary to ensure consistency with your order.

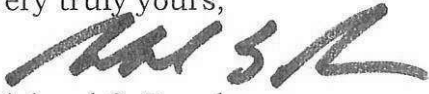
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<sup>1</sup> The attachment to this letter lays out the vision for this project as described in the book which our founder wrote based on insights gained in discussions with the Trump I infrastructure team.

*For all of these reasons, I am asking, on behalf of the RTIP, that you direct the appropriate OA or Departmental Office within the OST to enter into discussions with the RTIP for purposes of finalizing a grant agreement, extending its duration and resolving the unnecessary restrictions that have so far impeded the progress envisaged in Trump I. We do not believe that Congressional authorization is required, but RTIP will be pleased to reach out to the Ohio delegation if necessary.*

Your attention is greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'R. S. Regula', written in a cursive style.

Richard S. Regula  
Stark County Commissioner  
RTIP Chairman

cc: Hon. Bernie Moreno  
Hon. Jon Husted



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May 27, 2025

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Canton, OH 44702

Dear Mr. Regula,

This letter is to acknowledge the Stark County Area Transportation Study (SCATS) is aware the Stark/Carroll/Columbiana RTIP intends to apply for TRAC funding to extend US 30 as a new, four-lane divided freeway from its current terminus to SR 44 and ultimately to SR 11. The project is included in the approved SCATS FY 2026-2029 Transportation Improvement Program, and the larger project is in the SCATS 2050 Long Range Plan.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Robert Nau".

Robert A. Nau, AICP  
Executive Director



## CONNECTING COMMUNITIES TO RESOURCES

May 27, 2025

Richard Regula  
Chairman, Stark/Carroll/Columbiana RTIP  
Stark County Commissioner's Office  
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Canton, OH 44702

**Re: support of U.S. 30 corridor**

Dear Mr. Regula:

On behalf of the Ohio Mid-Eastern Governments Association (OMEGA), thank you for your review and strong consideration of the U.S. 30 corridor project. OMEGA proudly serves as the designated Regional Transportation Planning Organization (RTPO) that serves eight counties (Carroll, Columbiana, Coshocton, Guernsey, Harrison, Holmes, Muskingum, and Tuscarawas) in eastern Appalachian Ohio.

As I strongly endorse this major regional corridor within our 2050 Long-Range Transportation Plan, I urge you to please consider the traveler, freight, and safety benefits of expanding U.S. 30 to a four-lane highway from S.R. 11 in Lisbon (Columbiana County) to Trump Avenue in Canton (Stark County). This phase will actually complete the development of U.S. 30 as a four-lane corridor across Ohio. As you can surmise, improvements to this corridor are crucial to developing a more sustainable economy for our region which also supports the growing energy industry.

TRAC funding is absolutely critical to developing the preferred alternative for U.S.30, as the corridor is the cornerstone of economic development for our region. Expansion of this corridor is needed to provide efficient movement of freight not just across Ohio but also throughout the nation. With the completion of the ethane cracker in Monaca, Pennsylvania, expansion of this corridor is now more critical than ever to facilitate the efficient and safe movement of freight.

Not only will this project provide the capacity and safety needed to fully develop this east-west corridor with access to the 20th largest metro area in the nation (Pittsburgh), U.S. 30 also connects manufacturing hubs with the public intermodal port on the Ohio River at Wellsville. With all of this in mind, please do not hesitate to contact me directly (740-624-6045 or VMaple@OMEGAdistrict.org) or our RTPO Program Manager, Ben Turin (412-417-7328 or BTurin@OMEGAdistrict.org). Thank you in advance for your support.

Sincerely,

*Vicki King-Maple*

Dr. Vicki King-Maple

Executive Director

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