Mr. Jerry Wray, Director
Ohio Department of Transportation
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Columbus, Ohio 43223

Mr. William Murdock, Executive Director
Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission
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Dear Director Wray and Executive Director Murdock:

The xxxxxx is writing to you to share our full support of Union County's application for Transportation Review Advisory Council (TRAC) and MORPC Attributable funding for the US 33/SR 161/Post Road Interchange improvements.

The rural interchange is at the confluence of substantial local and regional economic development. Current and future growth both locally and regionally is today putting enormous pressure on this inadequate facility. Locally, light industrial, residential and commercial growth is occurring in and around the project site while regionally, the NW 33 Innovation Corridor is experiencing some of the fastest business and economic expansion in the state!

The economic growth associated with this prosperity has brought about the side effects of congestion, increased safety concerns, and decreased mobility for both employees, residents and shippers. The current design does not meet the diverse vehicular needs of this thriving area. Heavy truck traffic uses the interchange to access the Industrial Parkway area, West Innovation District and Perimeter commerce business districts. The Ohio University's Heritage College of Medicine is accessed via the US 33/SR 161/Post Road Interchange where collaborations with Columbus State Community College and Ohio Dominican will bring approximately 4,000 students per semester by 2017.

The US 33/SR 161/Post Road interchange is ready for construction with the significant investment and project development assistance of Union County and the City of Dublin. Their outstanding financial and collaborative partnership has advanced the project to this final stage; please consider the roles of ODOT and MORPC in completing the final phase, construction.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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