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MEMORANDUM

DATE: July 5, 2006

TO: Policy Committee
Transportation Advisory Committee
Citizen Advisory Committee

FROM: Nick Gill, Assistant Director of Transportation

RE: Proposed Resolution T-13-06: **“ENDORISING THE STRATEGIC PLAN RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE I-270/US 33 NORTHWEST FREEWAY STUDY”**

The Strategic Plan for the I-270/US 33 Northwest Freeway Study is the final product of the study process, which began in late 2003. The study analyzed and documented the projected conditions for the freeway and interchanges in northwest Franklin County and southeast Union County. The strategic plan includes improvement concepts for the I-270 and US 33 freeway main lines, existing interchanges, potential new interchanges; off-freeway improvements; and alternatives that reduce highway demand, such as transit and vanpooling.

The study was a cooperative effort among MORPC, ODOT, the cities of Columbus, Hilliard, and Dublin, the Franklin County Engineer's Office and the Union County Engineer's Office. These entities met regularly throughout the study process to discuss the study process and review results. In addition, an Advisory Group of other transportation stakeholders met four times to provide input. Open houses were held in May 2005 and May 2006 to provide analysis results to the public and gather feedback on the information including the conceptual alternatives that were developed and the strategic plan. Finally, individual meetings were held with each jurisdiction to review the conceptual alternatives and refine the Strategic Plan.

Throughout the study process, updates were provided to CAC, TAC and the Policy Committee. The draft strategic plan was presented to CAC and TAC at their May 2006 meetings and to the Policy Committee at its June 2006 meeting. There have been no substantial changes to the Strategic Plan that was presented at those meetings. Proposed Resolution T-13-06 endorses the recommendations of the Strategic Plan, which identifies approximately \$1 billion in transportation improvements. A summary of the Strategic Plan is attached to the resolution.

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