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## **Franklin County TID Receives \$200,000 Grant from ODOT**

*Funding to advance construction of the Alum Creek Drive and Rohr Road intersection*

**[Columbus – August 13]** The newly created Franklin County Transportation Improvement District (TID) received its first grant from the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) Office of Jobs and Commerce to advance the construction of the Alum Creek Drive and Rohr Road intersection.

The Alum Creek Drive and Rohr Road intersection improvement includes the addition of dual southbound left turn lanes, a westbound right turn lane, and two eastbound lanes on Rohr Road from Alum Creek Drive to Port Road. The improvement of the intersection will increase capacity to support continued economic growth in the Rickenbacker area. Construction year is scheduled for 2020, and total project cost is expected at \$3.5 million.

The project was ideal for the Franklin County TID to take on because the intersection and its legs are in multiple jurisdictions including; city of Columbus, city of Groveport, village of Obetz, Hamilton Township, and Madison Township.

“We are thankful to ODOT for this award to improve a critical intersection impacting multiple jurisdictions in Franklin County,” said Cornell Robertson, Franklin County Engineer and Chair of the Franklin County TID. “This project will demonstrate how the TID can lead to successful collaboration among multiple local governments and private sector partners.”

The ODOT funding is a special set-aside for economic development-related projects undertaken by TIDs. The \$200,000 amount was the maximum received by any TID in the state in this year’s funding round. While the total amount of available funding for this program was \$4.5 million, ODOT received \$9 million in requests.

“We’re excited to see this project advance for multiple reasons; it demonstrates the benefits of the TID for Franklin County, and it advances the transportation recommendations of the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission’s (MORPC’s) recently completed Rickenbacker Area Study,” said Thea Walsh, MORPC Director of Transportation & Infrastructure Development.

MORPC administers the Franklin County TID for the Board of Trustees. Meetings and agendas can be found [here](#).

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