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**Franklin County Transportation Improvement District  
Receives Grant from ODOT**

*Funding advances University Boulevard project in Dublin*

**[COLUMBUS, OH, Aug. 5, 2020]** – Franklin County Engineer Cornell R. Robertson, Chair of the Franklin County Transportation Improvement District (FCTID), has announced that the FCTID has received a grant from the Ohio Department of Transportation Office of Jobs & Commerce in the amount of \$250,000. The funding will go toward the University Boulevard project within the City of Dublin.

“Our goal is to continue advancing economic development-related transportation improvements in Franklin County,” Robertson said. “This additional funding from ODOT is key in helping us move people and goods more efficiently and safely in this area of Dublin. The development associated with this project is expected to support the creation and retention of 410 full-time equivalent jobs.”

The University Boulevard project includes the construction of a new, four-lane roadway between Eiterman Road and Avery Road, utilizing a portion of the existing Shier Rings Road alignment. Improvements associated with the project include intersection modifications at Shier Rings Road and Avery Road, as well as the construction of four modern roundabouts along University Boulevard to facilitate further economic development.

The project is a collaboration among the FCTID, the City of Dublin, and The Ohio State University. Construction is scheduled for 2021-2022, and the total project cost is \$20.85 million.

“This investment validates the strong partnerships and collaboration that have propelled this exciting development forward,” said Megan O’Callaghan, Deputy City Manager/Chief Operating Officer for the City of Dublin. “The OSU Wexner Medical campus and associated public infrastructure improvements will serve not only Dublin, but the entire region, for decades to come.”

The grant funding received from ODOT is a special set-aside for economic development-related projects undertaken by transportation improvement districts. ODOT received \$9.8 million in requests and had \$4.5 million in available funding. The \$250,000 amount awarded to FCTID was the most received by any transportation improvement district in the state for this round of funding.

The FCTID is administered by the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission on behalf of FCTID’s board of trustees. More information on the FCTID is available [here](#).

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