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Dear Resident/Property-Business Owner/Interested Citizen:

**Subject: Public Comment Summary and Response
Proposed Akron-Cleveland Road Bridge Replacement Project
ODOT PID: 86154
Village of Boston Heights, Summit County, Ohio**

The Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT), in partnership with the Village of Boston Heights, held a public involvement meeting on October 10, 2012 for the proposed Akron-Cleveland Road bridge replacement project. The proposed project would replace the existing bridge on Akron-Cleveland Road in Boston Heights that crosses over the Bike & Hike Trail maintained by the Metro Parks Serving Summit County, just south of the intersection of Akron-Cleveland Road with State Route 303. The project proposes to:

- Replace the existing, deteriorated bridge structure on Akron-Cleveland Road with a box culvert that maintains connectivity of the Metro Parks Bike & Hike Trail.
- Slightly realign the Metro Parks Bike & Hike Trail to the south of its current location in order to improve safety, since the existing trail under the bridge includes a steep hill with a significant curve.

A total of seventeen (17) people attended the October 10, 2012 public meeting and a total of fifteen (15) public comment responses were received. Public comment responses were received via completed comment sheets, letters, and e-mails. All fifteen (15) of the public comment responses included the following comment (paraphrased):

Comment #1 - No long term closure of Akron-Cleveland Road during construction of the proposed project.

Response - On October 15, 2012 the Village of Boston Heights wrote a letter stating that they do not endorse a 120 day (i.e. long term) closure of Akron-Cleveland Road during construction of the proposed project. Therefore, no long term closures will occur on Akron-Cleveland Road during construction of the proposed project. All appropriate attempts will be made to maintain at least one lane of travel on Akron-Cleveland Road throughout construction. However, please note that some short term closures may still be required at certain times throughout construction (shifting traffic patterns, moving large pieces of equipment, etc.).

One of the fifteen (15) comment responses also included the following comment:

Comment #2 - Please maintain the 25 mph speed limit on Akron-Cleveland Road following completion of the proposed project.

Response - The post-construction speed limit has not been determined at this time. This determination will be made during Stage 3 (Detailed Design), which is scheduled for Spring 2013.

This summary letter of public comments and the corresponding responses has also been posted on the ODOT District 4 website. To view this letter online, please go to the ODOT District 4 website home page, www.dot.state.oh.us/districts/d04, scroll down, and select "Public Meetings in District 4" under the "Services" heading.

Should you have any questions regarding the project, please contact Robert Lang, ODOT District 4 Environmental Specialist, at 330-786-4975 or Robert.Lang@dot.state.oh.us.

Respectfully,

For:
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District Environmental Coordinator