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**Re: Responses to Comments on Cassady Ave
(Plaza Properties Blvd to Agler Rd)
FRA-CR96-3.15 (Project ID 119516)**

Dear Interested Party,

The Franklin County Engineer's Office in conjunction with the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) held a public meeting open house on April 3, 2025, seeking input on the proposed improvements to Cassady Ave from Plaza Properties Blvd to Agler Rd. The proposed improvements will widen Cassady Ave to include a Two-Way Left Turn Lane, introduce curb and gutter, a 5' sidewalk and 10' shared use path along the corridor as well as lighting and pedestrian safety improvements. The improvements are necessary to improve safety along the corridor.

We received several comments during the meeting and during the open comment period. Many comments were in support of the project and agreed that vehicle speeds, traffic congestion and safety are all issues currently on Cassady Ave. We received comments requesting a traffic signal be installed at Hudson Ave to allow residents of Cumberland Ridge to exit their neighborhood easier. The project team has reviewed the comments received from the public and project stakeholders and compiled the attached summary of common questions, comments, and concerns received, and the project team's responses.

The project is tentatively scheduled to begin construction in Spring of 2028 and last approximately 9 months. Permanent right-of-way and temporary right of way (for construction) are anticipated to be needed for the project. If right-of-way acquisition is necessary from your property, a real estate representative will contact you directly at a later date to discuss the right-of-way needs, the acquisition process, and your rights under that process. Utility relocations are also anticipated and will begin in 2027.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me by phone at 614-525-3021, or by email at mrehfus@franklincountyengineer.org.

Respectfully,

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Public Comments and Team Responses

Question: How will crosswalks and flashing pedestrian crossing signs address the issue of speeding on Cassady Avenue?

Response: The idea is that the presence of the crosswalk with Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons (RRFBs) and multiple midblock crossings throughout the roadway will aid in calming traffic speeds. Drivers that frequent the area will be aware of that potential crossing point and usually be more mindful than if there was no official crossing. Additionally, pedestrians should only be crossing at the crosswalks which should help drivers anticipate where pedestrians will be. Drivers that are new to the area will see the RRFBs and typically drive with the consideration that a pedestrian may be utilizing the crosswalks in this area. Additionally, it will provide a safer route for pedestrians that would have crossed the road without any provided crossing.

Question: Can a traffic signal be installed on Cassady Avenue & Hudson Street?

Response: Both FCEO and Columbus ran signal warrants using speeds and traffic counts from their respective sections. FCEO found that with most of the roadway being signed at 45 mph, a signal is justified at this location. However, since Hudson St is within Columbus' 35 mph zone, the signal warrant was not met due to the lower speed. The City of Columbus will conduct another signal warrant analysis this year to determine if a signal is feasible. This intersection is within the City of Columbus, and it is ultimately their decision whether to add a signal or not.

Question: How is the project considering the Lays and USPS facilities using the roadway?

Response: Cassady Ave is a public street with no restrictions to truck traffic. The FCEO has no authority to restrict these companies' access to public streets. The improvements that are proposed along Cassady Ave, including curb, narrower lanes, mid-block pedestrian refuge islands and RRFBs, will impact driver behavior to slow these large vehicles down.

Question: How will residents of Cumberland Woods Dr maintain access to their subdivision?

Response: Southbound traffic will be maintained throughout the duration of construction and local access to neighborhood streets and private driveways will be maintained. It is not feasible to maintain two-way traffic during construction.