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August 18, 2025

**Re: Responses to Comments
Improvements of Alum Creek Drive Corridor, SR-317 to Groveport Rd.
FRA-CR122-0.00 (Project ID 115792)**

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 June 3, 2025, seeking input on the proposed improvements to the Alum Creek Drive Corridor between London-Groveport Rd (SR-317) and Groveport Rd. The proposed improvements will widen Alum Creek Drive from a four-lane roadway to a six-lane roadway. The project will also include the replacement of the existing two bridges over Big Walnut Creek, as well as shoulder widening, lighting improvements, the installation of a 10' wide shared use path on the east side of the roadway, and an 8' wide sidewalk on the west side of the roadway.

We received several comments during the meeting and during the open comment period. Many comments were in support of the project and agreed that lack of pedestrian accommodations, traffic congestion, and turn lane complications are all issues currently along the affected length of the Alum Creek Drive corridor. 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 20 months, concluding in Autumn of 2029. Permanent right-of-way and temporary right of way (for construction) are expected 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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Matthew B. Rehfus".

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**Alum Creek Drive (SR-317 to Groveport Rd)
FRA-CR122-0.00 (Project ID 115792)
Public Comments and Team Responses**

Comment: Light timing for left turns at Alum Creek and Toy is not long enough, especially for semis.

Response: All traffic signals within the project limits will be evaluated and re-timed as needed to increase efficiency and safety along the corridor.

Comment: Local workers need sidewalks along Creekside Parkway as the route is very dangerous for pedestrians during the early morning high semi traffic all hours of the day.

Response: This project is only focused on Alum Creek Drive and improvements will not be made down any of the side streets as part of this project. Creekside Parkway is in the City of Obetz jurisdiction and falls under their maintenance, therefore it would be their decision whether to introduce sidewalks on Creekside Parkway in the future. The Franklin County Engineer's Office has passed this concern on to the City of Obetz for their awareness and planning purposes.

Comment: Removing the right turn onto Bixby Road West from Southbound Alum Creek Drive would create a safer pedestrian crossing at the intersection and remove the risk of rear end collisions due to sudden deceleration of turning motorists from 45-50 mph. There are only two homes between this intersection and the next at Dill Drive. Most traffic does not stop along this section of roadway. Perhaps a new route from West Creekside Parkway to Northbound Dill Drive could effectively accommodate any traffic which would have previously utilized the Alum Creek Drive and Bixby intersection.

Response: We did investigate the possibility of modifying the west leg of Bixby Rd access to Alum Creek Drive. That analysis included evaluating the reported crash history at this intersection in the existing condition. We found 2 crashes here since October 2020. Neither of the crashes were SB rear ends. On average we counted around 63 vehicles per day make the SB to WB right-turn movement. We also evaluated the existing traffic signal at Creekside Parkway/Toy Rd at Alum Creek Drive. The volume of eastbound traffic and associated queue lengths coming from Creekside Parkway at this signal is very significant during the afternoon peak traffic time period. Modifying the Bixby Rd access as requested would have sent additional volume from Bixby Rd down to this congested signal. Given those investigations, it was determined that no further modifications to the Bixby Rd at Alum Creek Drive intersection are necessary. We do believe that 3 thru lanes and a 10' wide shoulder in the proposed condition will provide more space to navigate the turn than in the existing condition. However, any motorists continue to feel unsafe making that turning movement after the corridor widening, continuing southbound to Creekside Parkway and making the right-turn there at that signal, then continue towards Bixby Rd via Dill Dr will still remain an option.

Comment: The subject Alum Creek Dr corridor has long been a critically essential stretch of transportation infrastructure linking I-270 to the Rickenbacker International Airport as well as Norfolk Southern Intermodal Terminal. It has become even more important with the addition of new developments to Central Ohio such as Anduril Arsenal-1 and Intel. This corridor looks like and operates more like a state route than a local county road. I appreciate the county engineer maintaining this highway and hope his office receives collaboration from the state and federal governments.

Response: We appreciate the project support. We will continue to work with partners at all levels of government and private industry to partner on the delivery of this critically essential link in the Central Ohio Transportation Network.