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**Re: Responses to Comments
Lockbourne Road at Rohr Road Roundabout**

Dear Interested Party,

The Franklin County Engineer's Office held a public meeting open house on April 21, 2026, seeking input on the proposed roundabout at the Lockbourne Road and Rohr Road intersection.

We received several comments during the meeting and during the open comment period and the project team 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 construction timeline is currently unknown as we are seeking funding opportunities. 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.

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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Lockbourne Road at Rohr Road Roundabout Public Comments and FCEO Responses

Comment: When will the project start and how long will it last?

Response: The project construction timeline is currently unknown as we are seeking funding opportunities, however the earliest construction can take place is 2030. Construction duration for a roundabout of this size is typically 3 months.

Comment: Will sidewalks be extended down to Rohr Road at all? Why is the project installing sidewalks that go nowhere?

Response: The sidewalk and shared-use path are planned for the intersection only and will not be extended further as part of this project. Future shared-use paths are anticipated for the south side of Rohr Road, the east side of Lockbourne Road, and a connection from the roundabout north to the quarry drive entrance of the metro park. However, these would be separate projects.

Comment: How can you know semi-trucks will be able to maneuver the roundabout without causing damage to the roadway or blocking it entirely? A 120-foot diameter for the roundabout is too small.

Response: Part of the design process is ensuring the roundabout is able to accommodate the chosen design vehicle. In this case, due to the commercial use of the intersection and ODOT standard, the chosen model is the WB-62 Interstate Semi-Trailer. This features a 48-foot long trailer and 17-foot long tractor. Design software was used to "drive" the vehicle through all movements of the intersection, verifying the vehicle is able to maneuver it. However, due to resident and truck driver concerns, the roundabout was increased to a 130-foot Inscribed Circle Diameter.

Comment: Will this roundabout cause more semi-truck traffic to use Rohr Road as a shortcut to get to SR-317?

Response: The presence of the roundabout does not inherently increase truck traffic. Driver behavior and comfortability navigating the roundabout would be a more controlling factor. Roundabouts reduce speed and traffic crashes. Trucks using the roundabout will travel at reduced speeds, and drivers should experience greater maneuverability, which improves safety. Ultimately, the FCEO's sole focus is to increase safety for all road users at this intersection.

Comment: How often will the roundabout be maintained and mowed? We don't want it to look like the roundabout at Lockbourne Road & SR-317

Response: The cited roundabout at SR317 and Lockbourne Road is an ODOT maintained roundabout. The proposed roundabout at Rohr Road and Lockbourne Road will be an FCEO maintained roundabout. FCEO typically mows roundabouts on a weekly basis. Any destroyed signage or infrastructure should be reported to our website/called in to our outposts so that maintenance crews can repair the damage.

Comment: Will the center island landscaping look good? We like the look of the roundabout at Gender Road & Lithopolis Road.

Response: FCEO will look into modifying the design of the center island landscaping as suggested. The amount of maintenance required for certain landscaping choices must be balanced with visual "curb appeal". We have modified center island designs on past roundabout projects. It is not permanent and can be changed if the maintenance requirements become a burden.

Comment: Speeding is a problem on Lockbourne Road the roundabout is needed for safety.

Response: The FCEO has completed speed studies on Lockbourne Road in the past, and a speed limit reduction was not warranted at that time. Once the roundabout is constructed, we can conduct another speed study in an attempt to lower the speed limit on Lockbourne Road. The City of Obetz recently lowered the speed limit of Lockbourne Road in their jurisdiction north of here to 35mph. We appreciate your general support comment in favor of the roundabout solution.