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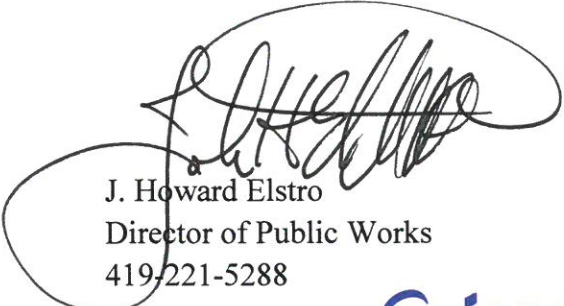
MEDIA RELEASE –

The Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) Transportation Advisory Committee (TRAC) has released its draft 2016-2019 Major New Construction Program list. At the City of Lima's request, \$3,000,000 of requested funds is included for the Allen-Lima Rail Grade Separation Right-of-Way Acquisition. These funds will enable the Public Works Department to proceed with right-of-way acquisition and environmental assessment, staging the project for potential construction of the Eastside Grade Separation at Elm St. and the I&O beginning in 2018. The cost of the entire project is \$22 million. \$10.4 million has been identified; \$11.6 million is still being sought by the City of Lima Administration.

Initiation of the right-of-way acquisition phase is contingent upon the final approval by the TRAC at its February 2016 meeting. The construction date for the grade separation (2018-2019) is contingent upon the City's ability to secure the uncommitted funds (\$11.6 million).

Comments of support for the \$3 million Right-of-Way Acquisition Grant are being accepted by the TRAC Committee and can be sent to: james.gates@dot.state.oh.us, TRAC@dot.state.oh.us, or ODOT TRAC Committee, Attention Jim Gates, 1980 West Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43223.

Questions can be directed to the City of Lima's Public Works Director, Howard Elstro, or the City of Lima's City Engineer, Kirk Niemeyer.



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