



CITY OF AVON

EXHIBIT A

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April 7, 2021

City of Avon Project Funding Requests – Surface Transportation

1. Type of Project – Roadway Improvement (Safety)
2. Name of Project – LOR-254-5.66 to 6.39, LOR83-17.80-18.23
3. Location of Project - Avon, Ohio
OH-07
SR 254/SR83 Intersection
4. Project Sponsor - City of Avon
5. Sponsor Point of Contact - Mayor Jensen, 440.937.7803, bjensen@cityofavon.com
6. Project Description – Adding through/turn lanes and making signal improvements on SR 254 from slm 5.66 (0.11 mile west of Healthway Drive) to slm 6.39 (0.15 miles east of Avon Commons Drive) and on SR 83 from slm 17.80 (0.24 miles south of SR 254) to slm 18.23 (0.19 miles north of SR 254). The project will improve safety and alleviate congestion at the intersection. Additional Project Benefits - The SR 83 & SR 254 intersection was ranked #2 on the NOACA 2013 to 2017 Regional Safety Priority Intersection List for improvement. During the 2015 to 2017 time period there were 205 total crashes with 20.5% of those crashes resulting in injuries. The intersection was also ranked as No. 160 on the 2017 ODOT Highway Safety Improvement Plan (HSIP). The project will reduce driver confusion and conflict points via a combination of additional through, drop and turn lanes, emergency vehicle pre-emption, updated pavement markings / signage, and enhanced interconnected traffic signal systems.
7. Amount Requested –
 - a. \$1,503,854.80 (to have federal funds reach 80% of total)
 - b. \$1,530,000.00 Local Matching funds
8. Total Project Cost – \$7,649,854.80 taken from STIP
9. Sources of Funding for the non-Member designated share of the cost of the project –
10. Project Phase – Planning and Environmental Review
11. NEPA Category of Action – Categorical Exclusion
12. Status of Environmental Review – Pre-review
13. A description of the process that will be followed to provide an opportunity for public comment on the project – The City will post a public announcement of the project on the City’s website. The notice will summarize the project and request public comment.
14. Has the project received federal funding in the past? – yes
15. Has the project applied for US DOT discretionary grants in the past? - no
16. Letter(s) of support from state, local government, or non-federal sponsor – see attached
17. Is the project on the state, Tribal or territorial transportation improvement program – yes – page 698 – link to follow <https://www.transportation.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/odot/programs/stip/stip-2021-2024/current-stip>
18. Is the project on the metropolitan transportation improvement plan? – yes – page 123 – link to follow <https://www.noaca.org/home/showpublisheddocument?id=25165>
19. If funding is provided for this project, can it be added to the STIP/TIP in a reasonable timeframe – N/A as it is already included.
20. If the project is not included on the STIP/TIP, is the project on a regional or statewide long-range transportation plan? - N/A as it is already included.



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Honorable Bob Gibbs
Ohio's 7th Congressional District
110 Cottage Street
Ashland, Ohio 44805

Re: Surface Transportation Reauthorization Act
Member Designated Transportation and Infrastructure Project Request
LOR-254-05.66 (S.R. 83 & S.R. 254) Intersection Safety Improvements
City of Avon, Ohio

Dear Representative Gibbs:

Please accept this letter as a testament to the City of Avon's enthusiastic support for the above referenced project. The Avon City Council, Administrative Department Heads and Police and Fire Chiefs join me in expressing our full commitment to seeing this project through to its successful completion. The benefits that this project will provide to the City are numerous and we are anxious to see them come to fruition.

The intersection of State Route 83 & State Route 254 in the City of Avon is a major intersection of two regionally significant state highways that help support regional commerce and community safety by way of its location within the community and its proximity to the S.R. 83 I-90 Interchange. The intersection sits between two regional healthcare centers, is directly adjacent to the Avon Fire & Police Departments and is located in the heart of Avon's commercial districts where it serves as a main access point for both the quaint shops of the historic French Creek District and the retail hubs of Avon Commons and Chester Road. Providing safe and convenient access through this area is essential to the economic viability and community well-being to both Avon residents and visitors alike.

The proposed project, which is currently under design and on schedule, is multi-faceted and is aimed to address serious safety concerns that currently exist at the intersection that were identified by both the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) and the Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency (NOACA). The project will lessen crashes and their resulting injuries by reducing driver confusion, vehicular conflict points and traffic congestion. The traffic signal improvements will include features that will aid in the response time of emergency vehicles and increase pedestrian safety.

The City of Avon has demonstrated and continues to be willing to carry out the project and has the ability for the necessary funding to be obligated within the time period set forth under federal-aid highway requirements. Avon is financially committed to the construction of this improvement and is progressing the design forward on schedule, with intent to finance the portion of the project that exceeds the funding that has been pledged by the Ohio Department of Transportation to make this important project a reality for the betterment of our City, its residents, and visitors.

Additional federal funding for this project will allow the City to address other important infrastructure improvements that are needed within our community that will enhance the safety and economic



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conditions of Avon and all of Lorain County. Thank you in advance for your consideration of our request. Should you have any questions or require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Mayor Bryan Jensen

Cc: Avon City Council
John Gasior, Law Director
William Logan, Finance Director
Duane Streater, Safety Director
Mike Farmer, Service Director
Ryan Cummins, P.E. City Engineer