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Subject: RIC-CR133-2.22 (PID 118289)
Lexington-Springmill Road Intersection Improvement Project

Dear Resident/Property Owner:

We are writing to advise you that the Richland County Engineer's Office (RCEO), in coordination with the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) District 3, is proposing to construct a roundabout at the intersection of County Route (CR) 133 (Lexington-Springmill Rd) and Home Rd located in Troy Township, Ohio. The project will also include stormwater updates, culvert replacements, and street lighting improvements. The project is necessary to improve safety by reducing crash frequency and severity at this intersection. Minor impacts to streams, wetlands, and potential suitable wooded habitat for federally listed bat species will occur. The project is not located in a floodplain, and no floodplain coordination is required.

Construction is currently scheduled to begin in spring of 2026 and last approximately 150 days. The project will require a detour for a portion of the construction. The closure will occur during the summer and should last approximately 90 days. The detour will utilize US-42, Trimble Rd, and SR-430. A map showing the proposed detour is included. Access will be maintained to all adjacent properties during construction. Minor amounts of temporary and permanent new right-of-way (ROW) will be needed to construct the project. Land acquisition is expected to begin in winter of 2024. If right-of-way acquisition is necessary from your property, personnel from the RCEO or their ROW acquisition consultant will contact you directly at a later date to discuss the right-of-way needs, the land acquisition process, and your rights under that process.

The B&O Trail, a recreational multi-use path, parallels Lexington-Springmill Rd to the west and crosses the road north of the existing intersection. As part of the project, the trail crossing will be relocated north of the proposed roundabout. To accommodate construction, minor impacts to the existing trail will occur. For the safety of trail users, access to the B&O Trail at this location will be restricted temporarily during construction. Providing temporary detour facilities was determined to be neither safe nor feasible. The B&O Trail is a recognized recreational property and is provided protection from adverse impacts associated with federal-aid transportation projects. The RCEO consulted with the Richland County Park District and received concurrence that the project will not adversely affect the recreational activities, features, or attributes that qualify the B&O Trail for protection.

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The following measures to minimize harm are being implemented as part of the project:

- Access to the B&O Trail will be restricted for a period of time that is anticipated to last no longer than 90 days and will not be for the duration of construction.
- Temporary construction fencing shall be installed along proposed construction limits prior to the start of construction activities to protect the existing Section 4(f) property and the public.
- Appropriate signage shall be installed to alert users of the B&O Trail of construction activities, access restrictions or closures, and to direct users to secondary access points.
- The contractor shall be required to closely coordinate the construction schedule with ODOT, the RCEO, and the Richland County Parks District prior to the start of construction activities.

ODOT and the RCEO are seeking public input regarding these proposed impacts. We ask that you take some time to visit the project website to review the project information and potential impacts.

Project Website:

<https://rcengineer.com/roundabout-information>



If you do not have internet access and would like the project materials mailed to you, please contact the Richland County Engineer's Office. Comments regarding the project may be submitted via email at info@rcengineer.com, or by mail at Richland County Engineer, 77 N Mulberry St, Mansfield, Ohio, 44903. To ensure your comments may be considered during project development, please submit them no later than July 31, 2024.

Public participation is solicited without regard to race, color, sex, age, national origin, or disability. The Ohio Department of Transportation is committed to providing access and inclusion and reasonable accommodation in its services, activities, programs, and employment opportunities in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and other applicable laws.

Respectfully,

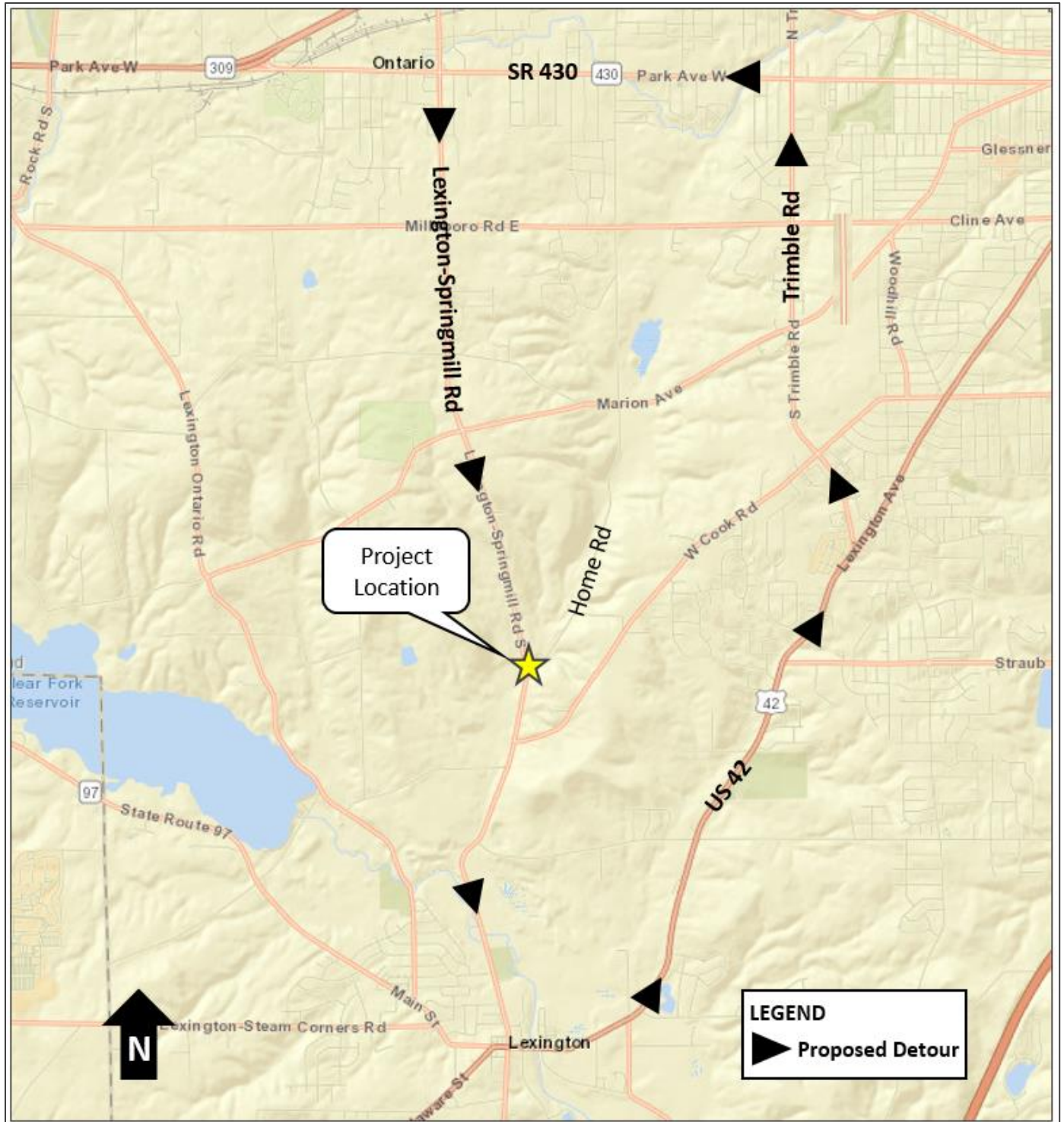
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Adam M. Gove, PE, PS
Richland County Engineer

cc: Don Rostofer, ODOT District 3 Environmental Coordinator

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