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PRE-BID MEETING  
OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
Held on Tuesday, March 11, 2025, at 1:00 p.m.

At The Offices Of:  
Ohio Department of Transportation  
5500 Transportation Boulevard  
Garfield Heights, Ohio 44125  
  
Before Margaret Elmo, Court Reporter and  
Notary Public in and for the State of Ohio

## 1 APPEARANCES:

2  
3 Drake A. Brauer, P.E., Ohio Department of Transportation;4  
5 Tim Sturges, Ohio Department of Transportation;6  
7 Ben Kruse, Ohio Department of Transportation;8  
9 Jason Young, Ohio Department of Transportation;10  
11 Patrick Toman, Ohio Department of Transportation;12  
13 Troy Onesti, DWZTM;14  
15 Michael Shearer, TCE;16  
17 Thomas J. Hibbard, P.E., American StructurePoint;18  
19 Kelsey E. Morton, P.E., American StructurePoint;20  
21 Jim Sima, P.E., American StructurePoint;22  
23 Al Yost, Ohio Department of Transportation;24  
25 Joe Simeone, Ohio Department of Transportation;

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Mark Myers, Ruhlin Company;

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Mark Grdina, Great Lakes Construction;

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Alex Licitri, Ruhlin Company;

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Jeff Stephens, Independence Excavating;

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Brandon Meyer, Independence Excavating;

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Matt Luyster, Ruhlin Company;

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Sam Cambouris, Kenmore Construction;

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Jim Dreiling, Kenmore Construction;

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Matt Blesi, The Great Lakes Construction Company;

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Mike Watson, Shelly;

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Steve Varga, Ruhlin Company;

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Gary Thomas, Anthony Allega Cement;



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1 MR. BRAUER: I'll get us started.  
2 My name is Drake Brauer. I'm the ODOT  
3 Design PM on this project.  
4 You are here today for the I 90 6.69  
5 pre-bid meeting.

6 We're going to do quick  
7 instructions. I'll send it around for  
8 ODOT to introduce themselves and our  
9 consultant, American StructurePoint, to  
10 introduce themselves. Then I'll have  
11 each one of you go ahead and introduce  
12 yourselves and the company you're with  
13 and then we'll go ahead and get started  
14 with the presentation.

15 I'll turn it over to --

16 MR. ONESTI: Troy Onesti,  
17 district work zone manager.

18 MR. TOMAN: Patrick Toman,  
19 district bridge design engineer.

20 MR. KRUSE: Ben Kruse, district  
21 design engineer.

22 MR YOUNG: Jason Young, district  
23 construction engineer.

24 MR. SHEARER: Michael Shearer,  
25 TCE.



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1 MR. YOST: Al Yost, project  
2 engineer.

3 MR. STURGES: Tim Sturges,  
4 construction area engineer.

5 MR. SIMEONE: Joseph Simeone,  
6 construction engineer.

7 MR. HIBBARD: Tom Hibbard with  
8 American StructurePoint.

9 MR. SIMA: JIM Sima with American  
10 StructurePoint.

11 MS. MORTON: Kelsey Morton with  
12 American StructurePoint. I'm the Deputy  
13 PM.

14 MR. BRAUER: We'll snake our way  
15 down.

16 MR. DREILING: Jim Dreiling,  
17 Kenmore.

18 MR. CAMBOURIS: Sam Cambouris,  
19 Kenmore.

20 MR. LUYSTER: Matt Luyster,  
21 Ruhlin.

22 MR. VARGA: Steve Varga, Ruhlin  
23 Company.

24 MR. BLESII: Matt Blesi with Great  
25 Lakes Construction Company.



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1 MR. GRDINA: Mark Grdina, Great  
2 Lakes Construction.

3 MR. MEYER: Brandon Meyer,  
4 Independence Excavating.

5 MR. WATSON: Mike Watson with  
6 Shelly.

7 MR. STEPHENS: Jeff Stephens,  
8 Independence Excavating.

9 MR. THOMAS: Gary Thomas, Allega.

10 MR. LICITRI: Alex Licitri,  
11 Ruhlin Company.

12 MR. MYERS: Mark Myers, The  
13 Ruhlin Company.

14 MR. BRAUER: All right.  
15 Hopefully everybody signed in.

16 At the end of the presentation  
17 we'll have questions. If you have a  
18 question, please state your name and the  
19 company you work for before you ask  
20 question and we'll try to answer it for  
21 you

22 I'll turn it over to Kelsey now  
23 for the presentation.

24 MS. MORTON: Good afternoon,  
25 everybody. We are looking, like Drake



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1 said, at the 90 project. So we're  
2 going to talk about just a little bit  
3 of the project overview and then updates  
4 to schedule, the MOT plan, drainage and  
5 the tree clearing for the project.

6 Our overview, the project area is  
7 I-90 from Hilliard Boulevard to West  
8 Boulevard, so about four and a half  
9 miles in length.

10 The project includes full depth  
11 pavement replacement, new drainage, some  
12 trunk lines and laterals there. Bridge  
13 vertical clearance improvements, which  
14 are taken care of through profile grade  
15 adjustments along the main line. Bridge  
16 overlays and substructure patching, and  
17 then new lighting and new signing  
18 throughout the corridor.

19 So as far as the schedule goes,  
20 we have a 4/17 sale date, 4/28 award,  
21 and then construction running through  
22 May of '25 to August of '28.

23 So for our maintenance of  
24 traffic, what is kind of newer in this  
25 plan set, the eastbound lane closure is



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1 going to be allowed for phase one and  
2 the winter phase and into phase two.  
3 So a little bit more info on that.

4 That eastbound lane closure is  
5 going to help allow for that trunk line  
6 installation from Rocky River to West  
7 140th to occur kind of throughout phase  
8 one and the winter phase.

9 Then there's going to be a  
10 short-term westbound lane closure near  
11 McKinley. A little more info on that.  
12 That one is to help accommodate the Jack  
13 and Bore that will happen for the trunk  
14 line in that area to help give some  
15 space on that north side there.

16 So in terms of the ramp phasing,  
17 so Hilliard Boulevard Ramp HA and West  
18 Boulevard W13 will be built in phase  
19 one. And then there are ramps that can  
20 be either built in phase one or in the  
21 phase that corresponds to the outside  
22 lane and shoulder reconstruction. Those  
23 are the McKinley MC and ME ramps; Warren  
24 ramps, W1 and W1A; West 140th, 140-4;  
25 and then West 117th, 117-5 and 117-9.



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1           In terms of the drainage, some of  
2           the things to highlight here, the  
3           drainage near Riverside Drive, this is  
4           just on the east side of the Rocky  
5           River bridge, it was reconfigured to  
6           kind of allow for a full Jack and Bore  
7           all the way across the roadway to be  
8           able to have the boring pits outside of  
9           the roadway verse being along the  
10          median. So that's the drainage update  
11          you'll see.

12           Then we also reconfigured some of  
13          the drainage at the overpasses, moving  
14          manholes in. We're adding additional  
15          manholes to allow for shorter length of  
16          Jack and Bore right underneath the  
17          bridge and then being able to --  
18          reducing trench installation further  
19          out. That's the preference.

20           We've also added some information  
21          on the phasing for our drainage. That  
22          includes phasing for temporary drainage  
23          connections as well as the proposed  
24          drainage.

25           Then tree clearing. So all of



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1 the trees that need to be cleared have  
2 been cleared throughout the corridor.  
3 The stumps are all that remain out there  
4 now. And those are indicated in the  
5 MOT phase one plans.

6 That is all I have. So I think  
7 with that, we're on to questions.

8 MR. MYERS: Mark Myers with  
9 Ruhlin. Have all the trees been cleared  
10 for the entire project or just the  
11 initial phase?

12 MS. MORTON: Oh, I'm sorry.  
13 Just the areas indicated in the phase  
14 one plans. Sorry about that.

15 MR. MYERS: Okay. Will those  
16 come out as an addendum soon, those  
17 changes?

18 MR. BRAUER: I believe those  
19 changes came out in addendum two, which  
20 was posted on March 5th.

21 MR. STURGES: Tim Sturges,  
22 District 12. One of the biggest things  
23 we wanted to highlight here were the  
24 differences between the last time you  
25 saw this plan set and what you're seeing



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1 now. We've made what we feel are  
2 significant improvements in  
3 constructability.

4 And certainly want to extend this  
5 opportunity to you to ask any additional  
6 questions that you may have towards that  
7 goal.

8 If you feel that there are other  
9 questions that need to be a pre-bid  
10 question, by all means submit that as  
11 well.

12 Are there any additional  
13 questions?

14 MR. THOMAS: Gary Thomas from  
15 Allega. Are you going to make the  
16 PowerPoint available?

17 MR. STURGES: Yes, the PowerPoint  
18 transcript will be provided.

19 MR. WATSON: Mike Watson, Shelly.  
20 First, is the clearing note going to be  
21 issued in an addendum? I don't believe  
22 that's in here.

23 MR. STURGES: For clarification,  
24 are you referring to the tree count in  
25 the note?



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1 MR. WATSON: The note that said  
2 -- she just mentioned that all the trees  
3 from phase one are already cleared. In  
4 theory, there should be no tree clearing  
5 involved with phase one, just stump  
6 removal.

7 MR. STURGES: We have indicated  
8 in the plan sheets, on those MOT phase  
9 one plan sheets, what areas were  
10 actually cleared. And we believe that  
11 to be encompassing of the areas for the  
12 drainage where that would be in  
13 conflict, and that is indicated on the  
14 plan sheets with these notations.

15 So there's not -- it's not going  
16 to be a note change. It's actually  
17 showing where we've cleared those trees  
18 or are in the process of clearing prior  
19 to April 1st.

20 MR. THOMAS: I have another  
21 question. Page 56A, the current window  
22 table, westbound single lane closure for  
23 66-inch conduit, it says \$380,000 per  
24 day. Is that accurate?

25 MR. STURGES: We can look into



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that .

MR. BRAUER: Can you submit a pre-bid question on that so we can put it in?

MR. STURGES: Any other questions?

All right. With that we'll adjourn the meeting. Thanks, everyone, for attending.

## CERTIFICATE

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3 State of Ohio ) SS.:  
4 County of Cuyahoga )

5 I, Margaret Elmo, a Notary Public  
6 within and for the State of Ohio, duly  
7 commissioned and qualified, do hereby  
8 certify that the proceedings in the  
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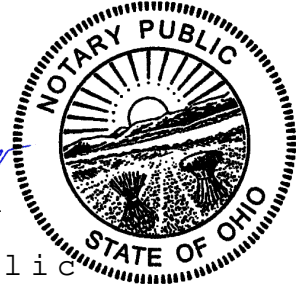
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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have  
hereunto set my hand this 19th day of  
March, 2025.

*Margaret Elmo*



Margaret Elmo, Notary Public  
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