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Ms. Cait Harley
Safe Routes to School and Active Transportation Manager
ODOT Office of Program Management
1980 W. Broad Street
Columbus, Ohio 43223

Re: Safe Routes to School letter of endorsement for Coshocton's Denman Ave. Sidewalk Project

Dear Ms. Harley:

As you know, the Ohio Mid-Eastern Governments Association (OMEGA) proudly serves ten counties in eastern Ohio as the local development district and as the Regional Transportation Planning Organization that serves eight counties within that footprint as well. One of our active communities is Coshocton, located in Coshocton County. It is my sincere hope that you will please accept and consider this Safe Routes to School application and letter of support for their Denman Ave. Sidewalk Project.

We work closely with Coshocton – their city, county, and schools – and I can attest to their commitment to community development. A Safe Routes to School plan will build upon their valiant efforts.

Coshocton's Denman Ave. Sidewalk Project speaks directly to the students' safety while also providing a more walkable and pedestrian friendly community; further promoting safe active transportation alternatives, as they aspire to build a 2,800' long, 5' wide concrete sidewalk from Fair Street to Cambridge Road along Denman Avenue. This project will fill in the remaining gaps in the pedestrian network between the Coshocton County Fairgrounds and the school district campus.

The project also directly aligns with the goals and objectives of OMEGA's Long-Range Transportation and Development Plan in the following manner:

Goal 2: Increase Safety of Regional Infrastructure

- Encourage communities to plan for safe use by all users of the transportation network, to include motorists, pedestrians, bicyclists, transit riders, and Amish buggies (Complete Streets)
- Support the development of interconnected active transportation networks

Thank you in advance for your careful review and consideration. Should any questions arise or if you require additional details and information, please do take the time to reach out to either Ben Turin (bturin@omegadistrict.org) or me directly (vmaple@omegadistrict.org).

It is with great pleasure that I offer my support and endorsement of this application and request for Coshocton's Safe Routes to School initiative.

Sincerely,

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