

Highway Infrastructure Project Questions

1. . Project Name. EXAMPLE: Main Street widening and resurfacing, City, State, Congressional District. A short name by which the project may be identified, including a very brief description of what the funds will be used for and the project's location (city, county, State, Tribe, Congressional District).NOTE: This description may be used to list the project in the House report and should be as accurate as possible to ensure that the funding goes to the correct project and location.

Ety Road South Improvements

City of Lancaster and Fairfield County Ohio

12th Congressional District

This request would allow for Ety Road in the City of Lancaster between USR 33 and Fair Avenue to be completely re-constructed with improved drainage from 18-20ft pavement width to 3-12 ft lanes, or as required to be in accordance with design standards. In addition to the roadway reconstruction, 2 deficient bridges that are on the County Engineer inventory would be replaced with wider and safer structures.

2. General description and benefits of the project and why it is needed. EXAMPLE: Widening and resurfacing Main Street will allow the local government to add a turn lane to reduce congestion. It will also allow for safety upgrades at Avenue D where there is a high level of safety incidents. NOTE: Benefits may include safety, environmental, economic, equity, mobility, etc.

Roadway

As the City expands westward this country road has become a collector street, far exceeding its intended capacity and function as rural county road. The narrow road and bridges do not meet current design standards and the need to correct these deficiencies has become heightened with the increased traffic.

Ety Road is a direct connection between two City arterial streets, with major retail and commercial developments on the north end near Memorial Drive and dense residential development on the south end near Fair Avenue. Ety Road will inevitably become an arterial street for that reason alone. Undeveloped properties, and its strategic location make this road a desirable location for development, but the potential is hindered by the inadequacy of the road. Current interest in developments include an apartment complex, soccer fields and a fire station.

Bridges

There are 2 bridges within the corridor that are the responsibility of the Fairfield County Engineer in accordance with provisions set forth in the Ohio revised Code. These bridges are designated as being functionally obsolete (by federal definition) due their narrow widths. The development pressure that has occurred in the past 25 years has placed a strain on the roadway system as a whole, not to mention the proposed multi-family housing that the City is planning to do, soccer field, firehouse, and any other future plans for City Property in along that corridor as well as undeveloped lands in front of Kohl's and

Menards. Here is the condition data for the bridges as noted on thOhio Dept of Transportation’s TIMS website:

North Bridge (Truss), SFN 2330687, General Appraisal=5, Sufficiency Rating = 50.3 South Bridge, SFN 2330679, General Appraisal=5, Sufficiency Rating = 65.5

Shared Use Pathway

The Fairfield Heritage bike trail along the Hocking River bisects the road, putting it within a half mile of the commercial and residential developments on either end. A multi-use path along Ety Road would provide access for pedestrians and bicyclist residing in the Misty Meadows, Overlook and Lancaster Campground developments, directly to the trail and the commercial developments to the north.

This project has long been a priority for the City and County.

3. Amount requested for the project.

\$5M

4. Total project cost. NOTE: Provide the amount of the total cost of the project as outlined in the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) or Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), if applicable.

The cost of the project is estimated to a total of \$6.7M as noted in the cost breakdown below

Bridge #1 Total: \$800,000

Construction Cost : \$500,000

Engineering: \$100,000

ROW: \$100,000

Utility Relo: \$100,000

Bridge #2 Total:\$1,900,000

Construction: \$1,500,000

Engineering: \$200,000

ROW: \$100,000

Utility Relo.: \$100,000

Roadway Total: \$3,700,000

Construction \$2,500,000

Engineering \$500,000

ROW: \$300,000

Utility Relo: \$400,000

5. Type of project eligible under 23 USC 133(b) (Surface Transportation Block Grant Program); 23 USC 201 (Federal Lands and Tribal Transportation Programs); 23 USC 202 (Tribal Transportation Program); or 23 USC 165 (Territorial and Puerto Rico Highway Program).

23 USC 133(b) STP Block Grant Program

6. Estimated start and completion dates. NOTE: Appropriated funds for these projects cannot be used for costs incurred prior to project authorization, which occurs when a project sponsor signs a grant agreement with or receives an allotment by a federal agency.

November 1, 2025: Preliminary Engineering, Environmental, Surveying and Geotech initiated

November 2026: Stage 1/2 Plans Complete

December, 2026: R/W Authorized

November, 2027: Stage 3 Plans Complete

December, 2028: Final Plans Complete and R/W Cleared

March, 2028: Bid Opening, Utilities Cleared November 2025

April, 2028: Begin Construction

October 30, 2028: Substantial Completion

December 31, 2028: Project Closeout

7. Has the request been submitted to a federal agency for non-earmarked funds, or to another Subcommittee or Committee this fiscal year? If yes, which one(s)?

No

8. Please provide a history of federal funding for the project, if any. Include both formula funds and any discretionary grants. EXAMPLE: FY20 TIGER/BUILD Grant: \$10 million; FHWA Formula Funds: \$5 million

NA

9. Does the project have other public (state, local) and/or private funds committed to meet match or cost-share requirements for costs related to construction, operations, and maintenance? If so, what is the source and amount of those funds?

NA

10. If the request does not fully fund the project, describe where the remaining funding comes from to complete the project. EXAMPLE: State funds will compose 10 percent of the remaining cost and previously identified federal formula funds (STBG) will make up the rest.

Remaining design, right of way and construction funding will be pursued from local, state and federal sources as well as the Ohio Public Works Commission, City General Revenue Funds and County GRF and motor vehicle funds

11. Is the project on a STIP or a TIP? If yes, please provide a link to the plan.

No

12. Please provide the STIP or TIP ID Number and specify which plan the ID Number comes from. EXAMPLE: See below: North Carolina STIP. ID Number R-5809 H141741. The STIP or TIP also can be used for the location/description of a project, the total project cost, and information about where funding comes from.

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