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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 for Cambridge City Schools

Dear Ms. Harley:

As Executive Director of the Ohio Mid-Eastern Governments Association (OMEGA) and the Regional Transportation Planning Organization that serves eight counties in eastern Ohio including Guernsey County, I thank you for accepting this letter of support for the Cambridge City Schools' Safe Routes to School application. We recognize the value of this project for both the school and the county.

Between Cambridge City Schools and Guernsey County, the community development efforts have been quite progressive. The Safe Routes to School application builds upon the successful efforts to increase not just student safety but also to provide a more walkable and pedestrian friendly community while promoting safe active transportation alternatives – especially for the students utilizing the Clairmont Avenue sidewalks. This further continues to align with the goals and objectives of OMEGA's Long-Range Transportation and Development Plan as follows:

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

As I express my strong endorsement of the Cambridge City Schools and their request for a Safe Routes to School plan, I kindly ask for your consideration and approval as well.

Thank you and please feel free to contact either me (vmapple@omegadistrict.org) or Josh Sliker (jsliker@omegadistrict.org) should you have any questions or need additional information.

Sincerely,

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