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Mr. Alan Haines
City of Pataskala
621 W. Broad Street
Suite 2B
Pataskala, Ohio 43062

Dear Mr. Haines:

The Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) is writing to inform you of a partial award for your Municipal Bridge application. We are pleased to inform you that the Key Boulevard Bridge Rehabilitation project (SFN 4564014)) has been selected for funding in the Municipal Bridge Program. The project selections are contingent upon the availability of future federal funds.

In the past, ODOT has provided 80% of the eligible costs in Federal funds through the Municipal Bridge Program. This year the program is utilizing Toll Revenue Credit (TRC) to provide 95% of the eligible costs, up to a total project maximum of **\$1,000,000** in Federal funds through the Municipal Bridge Program, in State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2028. This project has been identified as a Reservoir SFY 2027 construction project, meaning that if funding becomes available, the project can award in SFY 2027 rather than 2028.

Below is the awarded funding breakdown by project phase based on the application request:

- 1) \$1,000,000 for Construction/Construction Inspection in SFY 2028

Unfortunately, the proposed new structure was not awarded funding. New structures are ineligible for Surface Transportation Block Grant funds, which is the funding that has historically made up the Municipal Bridge Program. New structures are eligible with Bridge Formula Program (BFP) funding, which is part of the most recent Federal transportation bill. However, the BFP funds expire at the end of Federal Fiscal Year 2026. Given the environmental work that will be needed for the new roadway and bridge structure, the committee was not confident the project would award before the funds expired. Therefore, the new structure was not recommended for funding.

Please provide written acceptance of the awarded Municipal Bridge funds by **Tuesday, December 31, 2024**, via email to Nichole.Lawhorn@dot.ohio.gov. If acceptance is not received by this date, the funds will be rescinded and awarded to another project in order to ensure a fully funded program.

Please contact Ben Boyer, in the ODOT District 5 office at (740) 323-5111, to schedule a meeting to scope the project and establish the milestone dates. It is crucial that each party is committed to meeting the milestone dates established. To help ensure the project starts off successfully and will meet the SFY award date, **you**

must contact your respective ODOT District LPA Manager before January 31, 2025, to set up the project scoping meeting. Failure to contact your District LPA Manager within this timeframe will result in the withdrawal of funding by ODOT. Failure to meet the other agreed upon milestone dates could also result in a withdrawal of funding by ODOT.

If the awarded project will be administered as a Local-let project, the applicant becomes a subrecipient and must have a Unique Entity Identifier through SAM.gov. Please review the requirements of administering a Local-let project, if your entity has not already, to determine if your entity or ODOT will be administering the various project phases. Information on administering a Local-let project can be found at [2 Local-let Qualification Requirements | Ohio Department of Transportation](#). If your entity is moving forward with Local-let project administration and you don't already have a Unique Entity Identifier, please go to SAM.gov and follow the instructions to register for one prior to your scoping meeting with your respective district.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (614) 752-6581 or at the email address provided above.

Respectfully,

Nichole Lawhorn

Nichole Lawhorn
Program Manager
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c: Ben Boyer, ODOT District 5