



April 28, 2025

Ohio Department of Transportation
Attn: Ms. Caitlin Harley, Safe Routes to School & Active Transportation Program Manager
1980 West Broad St.
Columbus OH 43223

Re: ODOT Special Solicitation – Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety

Dear Ms. Harley,

I am writing to express my enthusiastic support for the Village of Granville's application for funding through the ODOT Pedestrian & Bicycle Special Solicitation to resurface the Newark-Granville Rd. pathway. As a local entity serving users of this pathway, I believe this project will have significant positive impact on our community by improving connectivity, safety, and accessibility for pedestrians and bicyclists throughout the Village.

Currently, the conditions of the asphalt pathway limit the convenience of pedestrians and bicyclists, as well as increasing safety risk by inviting some users to use the roadway as opposed to the designated pedestrian and bicycle facilities. Further, if these features are not maintained, they will experience rapid degradation due to chipping of the surface and water infiltration beneath the pavement. By completing this project, the safety, convenience, and promotion of active transportation throughout the Village will be greatly increased.

As a neighboring entity serving the residents in this area, I am greatly optimistic about the potential for this project to enhance the quality of life for these residents. I request that ODOT consider this application favorably and support Granville's efforts to make the community safer and more pedestrian and bicycle-friendly. Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

Jeff Brown
Superintendent