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Mr. Alan Haines
City of Pataskala
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Dear Mr. Haines:

The Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) is pleased to inform you that your Columbia Road Bridge Replacement project (SFN 4563808) 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) for construction and construction inspection only to provide 95% federal funding of the eligible costs. All other eligible project costs remain funded at 80% federal funding. The total project maximum is **$2,395,100** in federal funds through the Municipal Bridge Program, for a construction award in State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2030. This project has been identified as a Reservoir SFY 2029 construction project, meaning that if funding becomes available, the project can be awarded in SFY 2029 rather than 2030.

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

1) $438,400 in federal funding for Environmental and Detail Design in SFYs 2026 and 2027
    a. Funding is 80% federal (SAC 4R87) with a 20% local match
2) $1,956,700 in federal funding for Construction/Construction Inspection in SFY 2030
    a. Funding is 95% federal (SAC 4R87), which includes 15% Toll Revenue Credit, with a 5% local match

Please provide written acceptance of the awarded Municipal Bridge funds by **Wednesday, December 31, 2025,** 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 If acceptance is not received by this date, the funds will be rescinded and awarded to another project in order to ensure a fully funded program.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 on or before January 31, 2026, 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 1 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
Program Manager
Office of Local Programs

c: Ben Boyer, ODOT District 5