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## Ohio Department of Transportation

District 9, 650 Eastern ave. P.O.Box 467 Chillicothe, Ohio 45601-0467 740-773-2691 April 9, 2002

Mr. R. Gregory Hawk Superintendent. Lynchburg-Clay Local School District P.O. Box 515 Lynchburg, Ohio 45142

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Dear Mr. Hawk:

Thank you for your letter asking the status of the proposed improvements to the intersection of US 50 and SR 134. Our studies determined that the improvement for this intersection is to relocate the south leg of SR 134 further to the west than its present location. It is estimated that performing this project will cost \$410,000. We have petitioned for funding for this project through our Highway Safety Program, but was unable to get this project funded through this program. We are currently investigating other methods of funding to perform this project.

Please call Greg Baird, District 9 Studies Engineer, at 1-888-819-8501 extension 208 if you have further questions in this matter.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve you in this issue.

Respectfully

John F. Hagen, P.E.

District 9 Deputy Director

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## Lynchburg-Clay Local School District

R. GREGORY HAWK, Superintendent

301 EAST PEARL STREET • P.O. BOX 515 • LYNCHBURG, OHIO 45142

Phone (937) 364-2338

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JOHN JONES, Principal CHARLES DAVIDSON, Adm. Assistant Lynchburg-Clay High School Phone (937) 364-2250 Fax (937) 364-6133 GARY WEST, Principal JONI MINTON, Assistant Principal Lynchburg-Clay Elementary Phone (937) 364-9119 Fax (937) 364-8119 JOE WILLS, Principal Lynchburg-Clay Middle School Phone (937) 364-2811 Fax (937) 364-2159

March 26, 2002

Mr. John Hagan, Deputy Director Ohio Department of Transportation 650 Eastern Avenue Chillicothe, OH 45601

Dear Mr. Hagan:

I am writing to inquire about the status of the intersection of S.R. 50 and 134 in Dodsonville, Ohio (Highland County).

In prior correspondence with your office we emphasized the fact that a large percentage of our buses and school related traffic have to negotiate this intersection twice a day.

So far this school year we have had one staff member involved in an accident resulting in the destruction of her vehicle. Fortunately she escaped with minor injuries.

We were told many months ago that studies were being made to determine the best and most cost effective approach to the problem but have yet to hear the result of these studies.

I would sincerely appreciate a response to this letter so that I can inform our constituents of ODOT's decision.

Sincerely,

R. Gregory Hawk Superintendent

Lynchburg-Clay Local Schools

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#### OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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INTER-OFFICE COMMUNICAT

TO:

**District Deputy Directors** 

Central Office Deputy Directors

FROM:

Gordon Proctor, Director

SUBJECT:

Seat Belt Campaign

DATE:

March 25, 2002

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This year, ODOT will be partnering with the Ohio Department of Public Safety (ODPS) to support an aggressive seat belt campaign in 2002. The theme of the campaign is "What's Holding You Back?, Please Buckle Up". The campaign will be a year long educational and media campaign. ODPS will have a media campaign that centers on a series of eight emotional radio spots, coupled with the "What's Holding You Back" message on outdoor advertising, banners, yard signs and bumper stickers. The message will be focused toward non-belt users in situations that would likely find them in a car or getting ready to drive. Two highly visible enforcement waves (Memorial Day holiday's May 24 - June 3 wave and Labor Day holiday's August 24 - September 2) compliment the media efforts.

ODOT has agreed to support the campaign and will be helping to spread the campaign message. In the next few weeks, Central Office will be providing campaign banners, yard signs, bumper stickers, stencils, and media kits to each of the districts with further direction on the usage.

Its been proven that high visibility enforcement of belt laws combined with public awareness through media approaches increase seat belt usage and significantly decrease child fatalities. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration projects that for every five percent increase in seat belt usage, 26 fatalities and 1,100 injuries are prevented.

Thank you for your time and cooperation in keeping our roadways safe. If you have any questions, please call Jennifer Townley at 614/466-7493.

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### The City of Ironton

"Overlooking The Beautiful Ohio River"

#### **BOB CLEARY**, Mayor

Ironton City Center • 301 S. 3rd St. • P.O. Box 704 • Ironton, OH 45638 Phone: (740) 532-3833 • Fax: (740) 533-6089 • E-mail: mayor@zoomnet.net

April 8, 2002

Mr. John Hagen, P.E., District Deputy Director Ohio Department of Transportation – District Nine 650 Eastern Avenue, P.O. Box 467 Chillicothe, OH 45601-0467



Re: Downtown Street Enhancements, PID Number 22829

C. L. HILL

Resident Inspection & Construction Engineering

Dear Mr. Hagen:

This letter is to certify to you that the City of Ironton will provide the Resident Inspection and Construction Engineering for the above referenced project. This project is being implemented under ODOT's LPA policy.

In accordance with ODOT's LPA Local-let Policy and Procedure Manual, a Resident Inspector will be provided at the site at all times when the contractor is performing work. Joseph M. McCallister, P.E., the Project Engineer, will perform the Construction Engineering for the project.

Our in-house Construction Inspector was laid-off last year due to the poor financial condition of the City. This left the City Engineer to perform the duties of the Inspector, in addition to the responsibilities of his position. Consequently, it took an extra long time to complete for last year's project. To prevent this from happening with this year's project, we will either hire a dedicated Construction Inspector or out-source this service to a qualified consulting engineering firm.

Thank you for allowing the City of Ironton to continue with our designated LPA projects. These projects are much needed in our community. Please contact me if you need anything further.

Sincerely, Fig. 31 250 Avd.

Robert A. Cleary, Mayor

cc: Joseph M. McCallister, P.E., City Engineer James Setty, P.E., ODOT-9 Construction Engineer Fred River, ODOT-9, MPO Coordinator

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- Surveying
- Civil Engineering
- Environmental
- Geotechnical
- Construction Testing & Inspection

March 18, 2002

Mr. James Setty
District Construction Engineer
Ohio Department of Transportation
650 Eastern Avenue
P.O. Box 467
Chillicothe, Ohio 45601

RE: Foppe Technical Group, Inc. - ODOT Pre-Qualified Professional Engineering Services

Dear Mr. Setty:

I would like to take this opportunity to express Foppe Technical Group, Inc. (FOPPE) interest in partnering on ODOT projects. FOPPE is pre-qualified by ODOT for the following services:

- Soils/Geotechnical Geotechnical Engineering Services
- Environmental ESA Screening, Phase I ESA and Phase II ESA and ESA Remedial Design

FOPPE's also offers our clients our industry-leading digital data collection and management system that makes it possible for our clients to receive site data, reports and engineering drawings in days or even hours, rather than having to wait the typical two weeks or more. An example of our leading edge technology would be our Project Web Site, which is made available to key clients, and collaborative project teams. The Project Web Site will enhance communications and deliverables by sharing team correspondences, change orders, CAD drawings, specifications, test data, budgets, site photographs, schedules and reports.

I would welcome the opportunity to set-up a meeting to demonstrate our interactive Project Web Site and present our approach to projects in the technical areas pre-qualified by ODOT. I will follow up with a telephone call next week to discuss our interest in partnering and the next best steps to take to be considered for projects.

Respectfully submitted,

FOPPE TECHNICAL GROUP, INC.

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Thomas J. Murphy

**Business Development Director** 

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August 31, 2001

Foppe Technical Group, Inc. 11415 Century Boulevard Cincinnati, Ohio 45246

Re:

Prequalification Status

Dear Mr. Foppe:

The Division of Production Management, Consultant Services has reviewed your request for prequalification and approved your firm's technical prequalification to provide the following services:

SOILS/GEOTECHNICAL - Geotechnical Engineering Services

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES - ESA Screening, Phase I ESA and Phase II ESA ESA Remedial Design

Selection or utilization of your firm to provide services for the Department will be dependent upon a currently acceptable Affirmative Action Plan/Program. Questions concerning the Department's EEO requirements should be directed to Bill Crockett in the Office of Contracts, DBE Services Section at (614) 644-8243 or (800) 459-3778. Questions concerning your prequalification should be directed to Dan Krajcovic in the Division of Production Management, Consultant Services at (614) 466-3742.

Your firm will be retained on our list of active prequalified consultants. This current prequalification will expire on August 30, 2003.

Respectfully,

Randall F. Howard

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Deputy Director

Division of Production Management

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## **Rock Hill Local School District**

•Board Of Education•

February 27, 2002

John Hagen, District 9 Deputy Director Ohio Department of Transportation P.O. Box 467 Chillicothe, Oh 45601

Re: County Road 199 Bridge Law-93-0839 SR and anticipated traffic problems

Dear Mr. Hagen,

The Rock Hill Local School District is in the process of building a consolidated Elementary school, a new High School, and remodeling the present High School to become a Middle School. This will result in the closing of five of our present six buildings. All the Rock Hill Local School District buildings will be located on County Road 26. These new schools are to be open the middle of August 2002.

The increased traffic in this area is expected to be a problem. The County Road 26 and State Route 93 intersection is going to be extremely busy. The intersection of County Road 199 and State Route 93 will be busy as well. The school district recommends that the Ohio Department of Transportation consider turning lanes on State Route 93 at each of these intersections, especially the County Road 26 and State Route 93.

There is another matter of extreme importance with which the school district needs your assistance. County Road 199 has a state bridge located on it that is not as wide as the road. The road has been upgraded through the cooperative efforts of the Rock Hill Local School District and the Lawrence County Engineer. The bridge in its present state is a safety concern. It is not wide enough for two school buses or a school bus and traffic to pass through at the same time.

The Rock Hill Local School District anticipates your prompt attention to resolving these serious traffic problems.

If you need additional information concerning estimated numbers I would be glad to furnish that to you. I can be reached at 740-533-6046.

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Sincerely yours,

Lloyd Evans, Superintendent

Rock Hill Local School District

2273 County Road 26 • Ironton, Ohio 45638-8386 Phone: (740) 533-6046 • Fax: (740) 533-6051

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April 8, 2002

Mr. Lloyd Evans, Superintendent Rock Hill Local School District 2273 County Road 26 Ironton, Ohio 45638-8386

Dear Mr. Evans:

Thank you for your letter requesting turn lanes at the intersections that CR-26 and CR-199 make with State Route 93. We have begun collecting the information that is needed to perform the required traffic studies to determine what improvements may be needed at these intersections. In order for us to complete our studies of these intersections, we need for you to provide our Studies Section estimates of the traffic that will be created by your new facility, and what hours of the day that your facilities would be opening and closing. Please send this information to the address listed above to the attention of Gregory L. Baird, District 9 Studies Engineer.

Concerning the matter of the Law-93-0839SR bridge, this structure is now known as Law-93-0718SR. The number was recently changed to reflect the current Straight Line Milage of this route. This bridge was built in 1972 and currently is considered to be in overall good condition. The bridge width is 23 feet. Any structure more than 16 feet in width is considered to be a two-lane structure. Under current funding constraints, it is not foreseeable that this bridge will be eligible for funding in the immediate future.

Please feel free to call Greg Baird, at 1-888-819-8501 extension 208 if you have any questions concerning this matter.

Respectfully,

John F. Hagen, P.E.

District 9 Deputy Director

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DISTRICT 9, 650 EASTERN AVE., P.O. BOX 467 CHILLICOTHE, OHIO 45601 (419) 222-0438

April 8, 2002

Mr. William A. Kelly, Mayor City of Waverly 201 W. North Street Waverly, Ohio 45690

Dear Mayor Kelly:

Thank you for sending us a copy of the letter that you sent to the Ohio School Facilities Commission concerning making improvements to the entrance to the new school on SR 220. This is an issue that we have seen many times lately where the new schools require needed improvements to the highway at the new school's driveway, or at the State Route intersections of County or Township Roads that will become the main way that the school's traffic will travel.

Please feel free to contact us if you would like any assistance from ODOT in this matter

Respectfully,

John F. Hagen, P.E.

District 9 Deputy Director

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## City of Waverly

201 W. North Street

Waverly, Ohio 45690

March 5, 2002

Ohio School Facilities Commission Randall Fisher, Director 10 West Broad Street, Suite 1400 Columbus, Ohio 43215

Dear Mr. Fisher,

The construction of Waverly's new schools has begun thanks primarily to a school-funding program initiated by the state thru the Ohio School Facilities Commission. It will provide facilities we can all be proud of for future generations and we thank all who have had a hand in bringing this fine program to fruition and particularly the OSFC.

I am writing to you today not to recognize the merits of the program, but rather to bring to everyone's attention what I consider to be a serious flaw in that program, namely a denial to spend commission funds off-site. I recognize Waverly's responsibility to upgrade transportation corridors that will serve our schools. We were the first to recognize that State Route 220 will not handle adequately the increase in demand placed upon it when our new schools open. To that end, and thru a cooperative agreement with the local school board, the county and the city, we have retained the schools site civil engineering firm, Zande, Inc., to study alternative accesses into or near the schools to hopefully alleviate traffic congestion. At present, I don't know how we can fund such an alternative access, but this I shall continue to pursue.

Where my problem lies with the commission's decision to not fund off-site construction is at the schools road intersection with State Route 220, the school's one and only access. This intersection will require the commission to utilize highway right of way to build turn lanes and a signal to make the intersection safe, not only for thru traffic, but especially for students coming and going to and from school.

Historically, anytime a developer builds adjacent to a public highway, whether the developer is private or a public entity, it is the developer's responsibility, at his cost, to build a safe and adequate access connection to his development. These schools should have no less consideration. It is ludicrous to spend 40 million plus dollars to provide outstanding school facilities, only to deny a cost of



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\$200,000 that will ensure the students safety, because it is off site. The commission didn't have a problem of going off-site to make a sanitary sewer connection or an off-site water tap.

If for no other reason, the commission's decision needs to be reviewed and reversed for the sake of future projects, and other schools who will face similar circumstances. I don't argue with modifying or upgrading State Route 220, away from the school site. That work can be considered beyond the commission's jurisdiction. We, the City of Waverly, will pursue that in conjunction with ODOT, the county and other state funding.

But, please reconsider your responsibility and position to this and future school sites.

Sincerely,

Mayor

cc: Euggle Robertson, Waverly Schools

cc: John Hagen, ODOT

cc: Doug White, State Senator

cc: Dennis Stapleton, State Representative

cc: Pike County Commissioners

cc: Zande, Inc.

cc: Mike Shoemaker

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April 9, 2002

Representative John Carey Ohio House of Representatives 238 Mc Ghee Lane Wellston, Ohio 45692

Dear Representative Carey:

Thank you for your concerns over the intersection that the drive to the Wellston City Schools new facility makes with SR 327. Since this intersection falls within the City of Wellston, it is the responsibility of the City of Wellston to install and maintain any improvements required by this new drive. ODOT would help the city if they need advice or expertise in their endeavors in determining what improvements would be required when this school is opened. I have attached a copy of the letter that we are sending in response to Mr. Brisker's letter.

Please call Greg Baird at 1-888-819-8501 extension 208 if you have any further questions in this matter.

Respectfully,

John F. Hagen, P.E.

**District 9 Deputy Director** 

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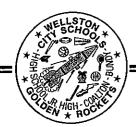
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## **WELLSTON CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT**

March 5, 2002

Mr. John F. Hagen
District 9 Deputy Director
Ohio Department of Transportation
650 Eastern Avenue
P.O. Box 467
Chillicothe, Ohio 45601

Mr. Hagen,

I am writing to express my concern relative to the entrance to our new Wellston City Schools campus which is located on S.R. 327 within the Wellston City limits. Located on the new campus is Wellston Middle School (Grades 3-8; 900 students) and Wellston High School (grades 9-12; 500 students). Both buildings are nearly finished and will open this August. Simply stated my concerns are:

- 1. Student safety entering and exiting the campus.
- 2. The width of S.R. 327 at the entrance.
- 3. The absence of a turning lane on S.R. 327.
- 4. The tremendous volume of traffic on S.R. 327 at the entrance to the complex when school opens in August, 2002.
- 5. Widening our entrance to accommodate bus turns which would interfere with existing ODOT guardrail.

There is no question in my mind that a turning lane similar to the one installed on S.R. 50 at the entrance to the new Vinton County High School will be needed to accommodate the huge increase in traffic. Estimates on the number of cars, buses, etc. that will flow into this campus were previously submitted to ODOT via the City of Wellston's service director. It is my understanding that a paving project for this portion of S.R. 327 is scheduled soon. I would hope plans for a turning lane and/or widening of this section of highway could be expedited prior to the paving project.

I have always believed an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure. Addressing the issue prior to the traffic jams and potential accidents would seem to be prudent.

Thank you for your time and consideration. Should you have questions or need more detail please call at your convenience.

Respectfully submitted,

Dan Brisker, Superintendent Wellston City Schools

CC: Mayor John Stabler

Wellston City Council Wellston Board of Education

State Representative John Carey

State Senator Mike Shoemaker

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Mr. Dan Brisker, Superintendent Wellston City School 416 North Pennsylvania Avenue Wellston, Ohio 45692

Dear Mr. Brisker:

Thank you for your concerns over the intersection that the drive to your new facility makes with SR 327. Since this intersection falls within the City of Wellston, it is the responsibility of the City of Wellston to install and maintain any improvements required by this new drive. As always, ODOT would gladly offer to help the city with advice and expertise in their endeavors in determining what improvements would be required when this school is opened.

This section of SR-327 is scheduled to be resurfaced in fiscal year 2003. This is being done under the Urban Paving Program, and is only to resurface the route. Funds are not available in this program to perform the amount work that you are requesting in your letter.

Please call Greg Baird at 1-888-819-8501 extension 208 if you have any further questions in this matter.

Respectfully,

John F. Hagen, P.E.

District 9 Deputy Director

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# WELLSTON CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

March 5, 2002

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Respectfully submitted,

Dan Brisker, Superintendent

Wellston City Schools

CC: Mayor John Stabler

Wellston City Council

Wellston Board of Education

State Representative John Carey

State Senator Mike Shoemaker

WELLSTON, OHIO 45692

DISTRICT 8

PID: 18903

Co., Rt. Sec.: BUT-129-19.16

4BJ7-4BG7 APPN Code:

**Fund Source: FEDERAL** 

Prog. Amt.:

\$1,287,000.00

State Job No.: 481090

Previous Sale Date: 3/27/02

Sale Date:

Comments/Critical Items:

4/10/02 DELAYED/ADDENDUM REQ'D - R/W CLEAR - ENV.

**CLEAR - SAFETY PROJECT/SPOT SAFETY** 

PID: 23162

Co., Rt. Sec.: GRE-35-20.68

**APPN Code:** 4BA7 **Fund Source:** 

**NON-FEDERAL** 

Prog. Amt.: \$96,000.00 State Job No.:

484310

Previous Sale Date:

Sale Date:

5/22/02

Comments/Critical Items:

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DISTRICT: 9

PID: 22969

Co., Rt. Sec.: HIG-73-8.36

**APPN Code:** 4B37-4BG7

**Fund Source:** 

FEDERAL.

Prog. Amt.: \$188,000.00 State Job No.:

493210

**Previous Sale Date:** 

Sale Date:

5/22/02

Comments/Critical Items:

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**ENHANCEMENT PROJECT** 

PID: 20390

Co., Rt. Sec.: PIK-C.R. 40-0.61

**APPN Code:** 4887 **Fund Source:** 

**FEDERAL** 

Prog. Amt.: \$228,000.00 State Job No.:

491740

Previous Sale Date:

Sale Date:

5/22/02

Comments/Critical Items:

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