



Form Name: CORPO Funds Application
Submission Time: August 5, 2025 2:56 pm
Unique ID: 1368417201
Location:

Agency Information

Sponsoring Agency City of Mount Vernon, Ohio

Address 40 Public Square
Suite 103
Mount Vernon 43050

Contact Person Brian Ball

Contact Title City Engineer

Contact Email Address engineer@mountvernonohio.org

Contact Phone (740) 393-9528

National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) The sponsor acknowledges that they are familiar with NEPA and understands that it applies to all projects that will use federal funds allocated through CORPO.

Project Information

Project Title SR13 Intersection Improvements and Sidewalk Project

Primary Project Type Intersection Modification

Facility Name State Route 13 North and Upper Fredericktown Road and Crestview Avenue

ODOT PID N/A

CORPO CTP ID or description of how the project is included in the CORPO Transportation Plan This project is listed as KNO2 in the CTP

Project Limits (from-to) The proposed sidewalks and other safety-related improvements begin from Stump Street, north to the historic southern border of Morris Township along Cassell and Fredericktown Roads with the intersection improvements in the center.

Project Length Approximately 0.35 miles

Project Scope Construct intersection and access management modifications on SR13 at Upper Fredericktown Rd and Crestview Ave. Sidewalk and other safety improvements will also be added along the corridor. This location, identified through a broader SR 13 North Corridor evaluation and extensive community feedback, has been flagged for safety improvements and enhanced multimodal access through the collaborative efforts of Morris Township, Knox Area Transit, Knox County Board of County Commissioners, Clinton Township, Knox County Engineer and City of Mount Vernon.

Project Cost Information

Preliminary Engineering

Preliminary Engineering - Environmental

Preliminary Engineering - Environmental - Method for entering amounts Dollar Amount

Preliminary Engineering - Environmental - Dollar Amounts

Preliminary Engineering - Environmental - Sub-Phase Total 125000

Preliminary Engineering - Environmental - CORPO Federal Dollars 100000

Preliminary Engineering - Environmental - CORPO Federal % 80

Preliminary Engineering - Environmental - Local Match to CORPO Federal Dollars 25000

Preliminary Engineering - Environmental - Local Match to CORPO Federal % 20

Preliminary Engineering - Environmental - Other Federal % 0

Preliminary Engineering - Environmental - Non-Federal % 0

Preliminary Engineering - Detailed Design

Preliminary Engineering - Detailed Design - Method for entering amounts Dollar Amount

Preliminary Engineering - Detailed Design - Dollar Amounts

Preliminary Engineering - Detailed Design - Sub-Phase Total 675000

Preliminary Engineering - 540000
Detailed Design - CORPO Federal Dollars

Preliminary Engineering - 80
Detailed Design - CORPO Federal %

Preliminary Engineering - 135000
Detailed Design - Local Match to CORPO Federal Dollars

Preliminary Engineering - 20
Detailed Design - Local Match to CORPO Federal %

Preliminary Engineering - 0
Detailed Design - Other Federal %

Preliminary Engineering - 0
Detailed Design - Non-Federal %

Right-of-Way

Right-of-Way - Acquisition

Right-of-Way - Acquisition - Dollar Amount
Method for entering amounts

Right-of-Way - Acquisition - Dollar Amounts

Right-of-Way - Acquisition - 225000
Sub-Phase Total

Right-of-Way - Acquisition - 180000
CORPO Federal Dollars

Right-of-Way - Acquisition - 80
CORPO Federal %

Right-of-Way - Acquisition - Local 45000
Match to CORPO Federal Dollars

Right-of-Way - Acquisition - Local 20
Match to CORPO Federal %

Right-of-Way - Acquisition - Other 0
Federal %

**Right-of-Way - Acquisition -
Non-Federal %** 0

Right-of-Way - Utilities

**Right-of-Way - Utilities - Method
for entering amounts** Dollar Amount

Right-of-Way - Utilities - Dollar Amounts

**Right-of-Way - Utilities -
Sub-Phase Total** 0

**Right-of-Way - Utilities - CORPO
Federal %** 0

**Right-of-Way - Utilities - Local
Match to CORPO Federal %** 0

**Right-of-Way - Utilities - Other
Federal %** 0

**Right-of-Way - Utilities -
Non-Federal %** 0

Construction

Construction - Contract

**Construction - Contract - Method
for entering amounts** Dollar Amount

Construction - Contract - Dollar Amounts

**Construction - Contract -
Sub-Phase Total** 9323640

**Construction - Contract - CORPO
Federal %** 0

**Construction - Contract - Local
Match to CORPO Federal %** 0

**Construction - Contract - Other
Federal Dollars** 7458912

**Construction - Contract - Other
Federal %** 80

Construction - Contract - Non-Federal Dollars	1864728
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Construction - Contract - Non-Federal %	20
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Construction - Engineering

Construction - Engineering - Method for entering amounts	Dollar Amount
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Construction - Engineering - Dollar Amounts

Construction - Engineering - Sub-Phase Total	450000
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Construction - Engineering - CORPO Federal %	0
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Construction - Engineering - Local Match to CORPO Federal %	0
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Construction - Engineering - Other Federal Dollars	360000
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Construction - Engineering - Other Federal %	80
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Construction - Engineering - Non-Federal Dollars	90000
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Construction - Engineering - Non-Federal %	20
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Other

Totals

Preliminary Engineering Phase Total	800000
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Right-of-Way Phase Total	225000
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Construction Phase Total	9773640
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Other Phase Total	0
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Grand Total	10798640
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Project Schedule Information

Design Start Date	04/01/2026
Is the Design milestone complete?	No
Stage 1 Design Plan Submittal Date	04/01/2027
Is the Stage 1 Design Plan Submittal milestone complete?	No
Stage 2 Design Plan Submittal Date	04/01/2028
Is the Stage 2 Design Plan Submittal milestone complete?	No
Final Right-of-Way Plan Submittal Date	December 2027
Is the Final Right-of-Way Plan Submittal milestone complete?	No
Environmental Document Approval Date	08/01/2028
Is the Environmental Document Approval milestone complete?	No
Right-of-Way Authorization Date	02/01/2029
Is the Right-of-Way Authorization milestone complete?	No
Stage 3 Design Plan Submittal Date	01/01/2029
Is the Stage 3 Design Plan Submittal milestone complete?	No
Right-of-Way Acquisition Complete Date	02/01/2030
Is the Right-of-Way Acquisition Complete milestone complete?	No
Final Plans and Bid Package Submittal to ODOT Date	03/01/2029

Is the Final Plans and Bid Package Submittal to ODOT milestone complete? No

Award Contract Date 06/01/2029

Is the Award Contract milestone complete? No

Evaluation Related Questions

PM1: Please include bridge condition information and/or pavement condition information. CORPO can provide the latest data available from ODOT for this.

Pavement along the corridor is moderately worn. Improvements will preserve corridor functionality and delay deterioration. These improvements will negate the need for new facilities.

PM2: Please explain how the proposed activities in your application will improve the pavement or bridge quality (as referenced above) or otherwise preserve and/or maintain the existing transportation system.

The proposed project ensures long-term pavement quality and introduces durable pedestrian infrastructure, aligning with long-term system maintenance objectives. This project will allow for the modernization of stormwater infrastructure that will mitigate freeze/thaw-related damages to the pavement.

S1: Please provide information on how the proposed project will increase safety and any additional information concerning crashes to supplement the ODOT crash data.

Roundabouts reduce conflict points and severity of crashes. Existing intersection records support this intervention. MORPC's May 2025 Roadway Safety Analysis confirms Mount Vernon-particularly the SR 13 corridor-is a regional hotspot for fatal and serious injury crashes (FSI). Using ODOT's AASHTOWare sliding window method, multiple half-mile segments along SR 13 ranked in the top five highest priority segments in Knox County. This ePDO-based analysis gives greater weight to injury and fatal crashes, helping identify high-risk segments for targeted investment. The proposed roundabout falls in proximity to this corridor and mirrors conditions found in other qualified HSIP segments.

S2: Will the proposed activities in your application address the safety of the transportation system by minimizing unsafe driving behaviors such as a lack of seatbelt use, distracted driving, impaired driving, and others? If so, please explain.

The project will address unsafe driving behavior by channelizing traffic, calming speeds, and upgrading non-motorist facilities. The intersection at SR 13 & Upper Fredericktown Road saw 17 crashes over five years with an injury rate of 41%, exceeding the HSIP injury threshold. This further justifies the project's alignment with FHWA's safety countermeasure priorities and demonstrates eligibility for supplemental safety-focused funding.

AM1: Will the proposed activities in your application expand or better automobile-related mobility options? If so, please explain. Please also provide average daily traffic if applicable.

The roundabout and intersection redesign will enhance vehicle throughput and reduce congestion, thereby improving vehicular mobility.

AM2: Will the proposed activities in your application expand bike/pedestrian facilities? If so, please explain.	The project adds critical sidewalk links and pedestrian crossings where none currently exist. These enhancements serve pedestrians, cyclists, and transit users and address critical ADA gaps.
AM3: Will the proposed activities in your application expand other modes? If so, please explain.	The integration of sidewalks and crossings creates safer multimodal corridors and strengthens connectivity between residential areas and commercial destinations.
ICC1: Will the proposed activities in your application increase outreach to local governments, area residents, businesses or other community organizations and groups? If so, please explain.	This project is the result of ongoing engagement between the City, Township, County, residents, and MPO staff and reflects community-voiced priorities from recent outreach.
ICC2: Will the proposed activities in your application increase modal-connectivity? If so, please explain.	The sidewalk extensions and intersection redesign will support modal integration/shift by connecting missing sidewalk segments and enabling safer multimodal transitions. Also, this will improve access and flow of mobility vehicles.
ICC3: Will the proposed activities in your application better connect CORPO communities? If so, please explain.	The location lies at a transition point between rural and urban development zones and will improve cohesion between the surrounding residential, commercial, and regional road networks. This will also improve access for freight and the movement of goods and services to communities.
C1: Will the proposed activities in your application improve freight facilities? If so, please explain.	Due to the absence of an interstate, this corridor is a primary freight corridor for the entirety of Knox County and provides key access to industrial and commercial zones in Central Ohio. These Improvements will support regional freight movement and safely aid freight reliability. Please note: Knox County is not home to an interstate, making SR13 a primary route for the movement of goods and services.
C2: Will the proposed activities in your application aid in the development of multi-purpose corridors? If so, please explain.	This is a mixed-use corridor supporting schools, housing, light industrial, and retail. Multimodal corridor improvements enhance value across sectors and land uses.

C3: Will the proposed activities in your application increase access to employment areas or sites? If so, please explain.

Enhanced connectivity and safety attract investment and improve commuting reliability to key employment areas within and beyond Mount Vernon's jurisdiction, such as the Heartland Commerce Park. At the time of this application, six of the heavy industrial buildings in the commerce park (just south of this proposed project) have been reopened between February 2023 and October 2024. Two new developments, one commercial and one residential, are slated to be redeveloped within the limits of this project. These improvements would expand utility and transportation access to these sites which will spur new development and jobs.

E1: Will the proposed activities in your application increase the use of non-single occupant vehicles? If so, please explain.

The added pedestrian and bike facilities promote active transportation and reduce reliance on single-occupant vehicles, advancing regional climate and sustainability goals. Also, the addition of active transportation infrastructure may improve health outcomes for system users. (Additionally, there is a proposed road geometry change (gradient) that will improve not only walkability but also fuel efficiency.)

E2: Will the proposed activities enhance environmental resources and sustainability and is consistent with local land use and environmental related plans? If so, please explain.

The project not only supports the goals of the CORPO CTP but also local land use objectives aligned with Mount Vernon's complete streets and long-range planning strategies. All infrastructure will be built to meet ADA standards and incorporate context-sensitive design elements.

Additional Information

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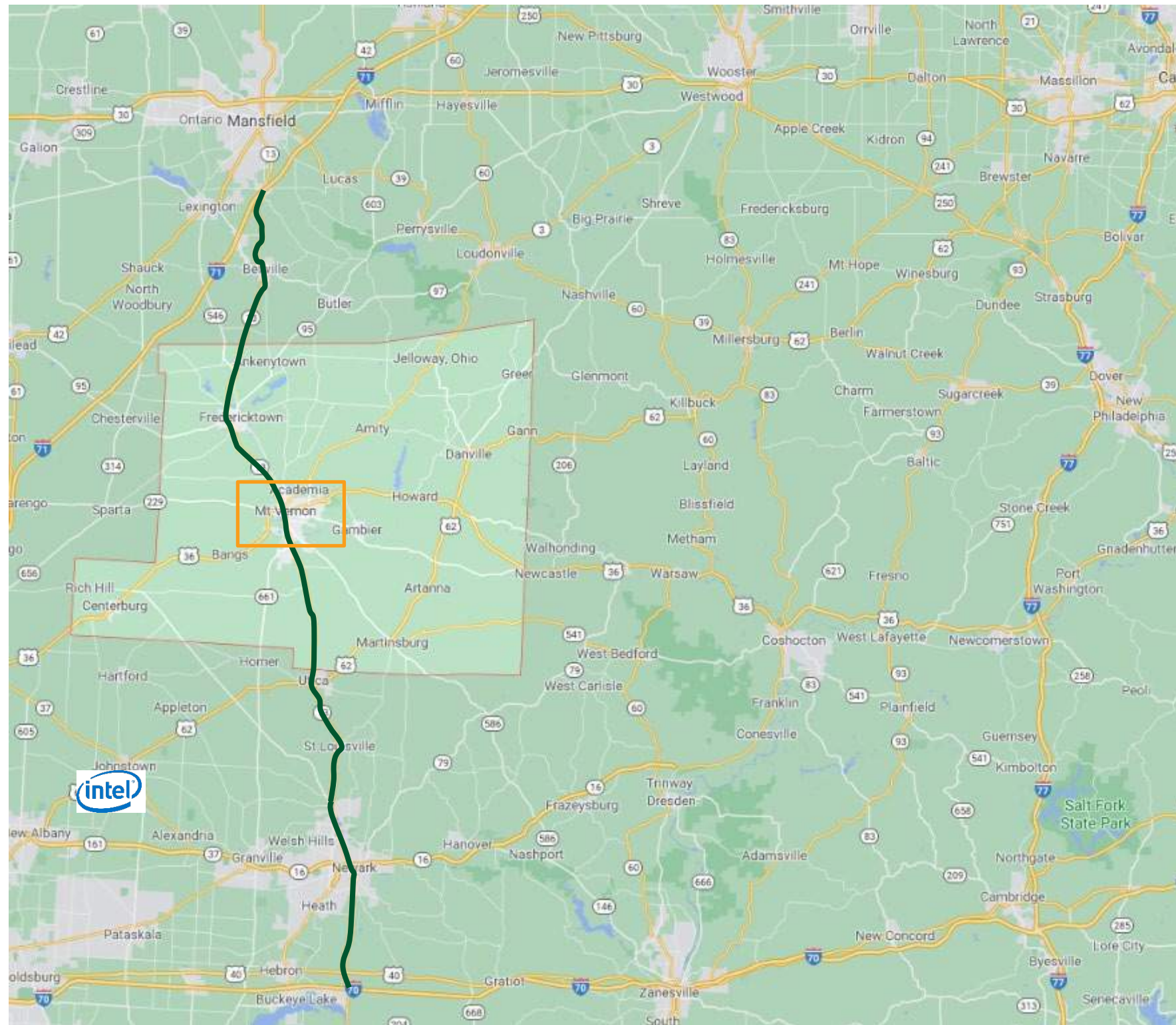
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State Route 13

SR13 Intersection Improvements and Sidewalk Project
Additional Information
City of Mount Vernon, Ohio

- State Route 13 is a major thru route that connects residents to both I-71 to the north and I-70 to the south.
- Commercial vehicles making local deliveries use State Route 13 to access other communities located along the roadway and then eventually connecting back to I-70 or I-71.
- State Route 13 and US Route 36 are being utilized as super load routes for the gas and oil industry.
- Mount Vernon is within the **40 minute** Intel travel circle boundary.



**PRELIMINARY OPINION OF PROBABLE PROJECT COST
CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, KNOX COUNTY, OHIO
SR13 Intersection Improvements and Sidewalk Project**

CORPO Application
August 3, 2025

Ref.	Item No.	Description	Quantity	Units	Unit Cost	Item Cost
Roadway						
1	201	Tree Removal	15	EA.	\$1,000.00	\$15,000.00
2	202	Existing Concrete Walk/Driveway, Removed and Disposed	7,500	S.F.	\$5.00	\$37,500.00
3	202	Existing Asphalt, Removed and Disposed	9,000	S.Y.	\$30.00	\$270,000.00
4	203	Excavation	7,200	C.Y.	\$65.00	\$468,000.00
5	203	Embankment	1,800	C.Y.	\$55.00	\$99,000.00
6	204	Geotextile Fabric	9,000	S.Y.	\$30.00	\$270,000.00
7	204	Subgrade Compaction	9,000	S.Y.	\$3.00	\$27,000.00
8	204	Proof Rolling	20	Hr.	\$150.00	\$3,000.00
9	209	Linear Grading	3,000	L.F.	\$25.00	\$75,000.00
10	301	Bituminous Aggregate Base, T=8-in	2,000	C.Y.	\$250.00	\$500,000.00
11	304	Aggregate Base, T=8-in	2,000	C.Y.	\$65.00	\$130,000.00
12	407	Tack Coat for Intermediate Course (0.1 Gal/SY)	900	Gal.	\$8.00	\$7,200.00
13	409	Sawing and Sealing Pavement Joints	375	L.F.	\$10.00	\$3,750.00
14	448	Asphalt Concrete Intermediate Course (Heavy Traffic) PG 70-22, T=1.5-in	380	C.Y.	\$350.00	\$133,000.00
15	448	Asphalt Concrete Surface Course (Heavy Traffic) PG 70-22, T=1.5-in	380	C.Y.	\$350.00	\$133,000.00
16	452	Drive Apron, Remove and Replace with concrete, Residential, T=6-in	340	S.Y.	\$75.00	\$25,500.00
17	452	Drive Apron, Remove and Replace with concrete, Commercial, T=8-in	500	S.Y.	\$80.00	\$40,000.00
18	605	6-in Underdrain for Curb	7,360	L.F.	\$20.00	\$147,200.00
19	609	18-in Straight Curb	3,680	L.F.	\$45.00	\$165,600.00
20	609	Combination Curb and Gutter	3,680	L.F.	\$55.00	\$202,400.00
21	609	Mountable Curb	2,500	L.F.	\$55.00	\$137,500.00
22	630	Sign, Removed and Replaced	10	EA.	\$250.00	\$2,500.00
23	630	Ground Mounted Support	30	EA.	\$350.00	\$10,500.00
24	630	Signage	30	EA.	\$500.00	\$15,000.00
25	642	Stop Bar	90	L.F.	\$25.00	\$2,250.00
26	644	Crosswalk Striping, W=6-in	144	L.F.	\$10.00	\$1,440.00
27	644	Crosswalk Striping, W=12-in	144	L.F.	\$15.00	\$2,160.00
28	644	Center Line	3,680	L.F.	\$4.00	\$14,720.00
29	644	Channelizing Line	3,680	L.F.	\$4.00	\$14,720.00
30	644	Lane Arrow	10	EA.	\$350.00	\$3,500.00
31	644	Additional Pavement Markings	20	EA.	\$500.00	\$10,000.00
32	653	Topsoil Furnished and Placed (T=3-in)	690	C.Y.	\$60.00	\$41,400.00
33	659	Seeding and Mulching	8,180	S.Y.	\$5.00	\$40,900.00
34	659	Watering	1	L.S.	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00
35	SPEC	Mailbox, Removed and Replaced	15	EA.	\$350.00	\$5,250.00
Sidewalk						
36	608	Concrete Walk, T=4-in	36,800	S.F.	\$12.00	\$441,600.00
37	608	Curb Ramp	40	EA.	\$2,500.00	\$100,000.00
38	608	Detectable Warning (Truncated Domes)	40	EA.	\$500.00	\$20,000.00
39	509	Reinforcing Steel	1,000	Lbs	\$8.00	\$8,000.00
40	511	Class C Concrete	445	C.Y.	\$450.00	\$200,250.00
Storm Sewer						
41	604	12-in Diameter Yard Drain	25	EA.	\$850.00	\$21,250.00
42	604	Catch Basin	40	EA.	\$3,000.00	\$120,000.00
43	604	Curb and Gutter Inlet	15	EA.	\$3,500.00	\$52,500.00
44	604	Manholes	25	EA.	\$2,800.00	\$70,000.00
45	611	Storm Sewer Pipe, T=36-in	800	L.F.	\$325.00	\$260,000.00
46	611	Storm Sewer Pipe, T=24-in	1,200	L.F.	\$225.00	\$270,000.00
47	611	Storm Sewer Pipe, T=18-in	1,500	L.F.	\$195.00	\$292,500.00
48	611	Storm Sewer Pipe, T=12-in	2,000	L.F.	\$165.00	\$330,000.00
49	611	Roof Drain Connection	1,250	L.F.	\$25.00	\$31,250.00
Watermain						
50	638	10-in Water Pipe and Fittings	2,500	L.F.	\$190.00	\$475,000.00
51	638	8-in Water Pipe and Fittings	1,000	L.F.	\$165.00	\$165,000.00
52	638	Water Service Tap, Complete	1,000	L.F.	\$95.00	\$95,000.00
53	638	Wye Fittings	50	EA.	\$650.00	\$32,500.00
54	638	Fire Hydrants	12	EA.	\$3,800.00	\$45,600.00
55	638	Water Valves	25	EA.	\$2,500.00	\$62,500.00
56	638	Concrete Blocking Class C, Increase or Decrease	100	C.Y.	\$350.00	\$35,000.00
57	638	Ductile Iron Fittings, Increase or Decrease	1,000	Lbs	\$8.00	\$8,000.00
Sanitary Sewer						
58	604	Sanitary Manhole	12	EA.	\$3,500.00	\$42,000.00
59	611	8-in Sanitary Sewer	2,500	L.F.	\$155.00	\$387,500.00
60	611	Sanitary Sewer Services	1,000	L.F.	\$120.00	\$120,000.00
Utilities						
61	202	Utility Structure Removal	10	EA.	\$500.00	\$5,000.00
62	625	Conduit, 3-in	5,000	L.F.	\$40.00	\$200,000.00
63	625	Pull Box	40	EA.	\$1,600.00	\$64,000.00
64	SPEC	Lighting	1	L.S.	\$450,000.00	\$450,000.00
65	SPEC	Gas Relocation	1	L.S.	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00
66	SPEC	Power Pole Relocation	8	EA.	\$35,000.00	\$280,000.00
Project Execution						
67	201	Clearing and Grubbing	1	L.S.	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
68	614	Maintaining Traffic	1	L.S.	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00
69	623	Construction Layout Stakes and Surveying	1	L.S.	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00
70	624	Mobilization	1	L.S.	\$80,000.00	\$80,000.00
71	832	Sediment and Erosion Control	1	L.S.	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00

*DENOTES CONTINGENCY ITEM, AS DIRECTED BY THE ENGINEER
SPEC - REFER TO PLAN NOTES, DETAILS & SUPP SPECS

Construction Cost Subtotal =	\$8,107,440.00
Contingency (15%) =	\$1,216,200.00
Land Acquisition (\$100,000/Ac. @ 2.25 Ac.) =	\$225,000.00
Survey and Design =	\$800,000.00
Construction Administration =	\$450,000.00
OPINION OF PROBABLE PROJECT COST =	\$10,798,640.00

This estimate does not include the cost for work agreements that may be required by the City of Mount Vernon or Knox County.

Unless specifically listed, this preliminary estimate does not include:
 •Offsite utility extensions including gas, electric and telecommunication facilities, utility fees and /or capacity fees
 •Site lighting, vehicular traffic signals, signal interconnect
 •Environmental remediation, rock excavation, unsuitable material, soil stabilization, or other conditions that may be realized based upon unknown or unforeseen soil conditions.

Unit prices area based upon 2025 prices. Work performed beyond this time may need to be adjusted accordingly.

PREPARED BY: DPD
 CHECKED BY: _____
 CHECKED DATE: 08/03/25

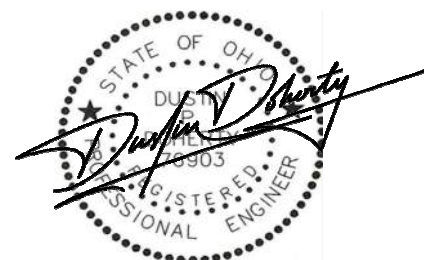
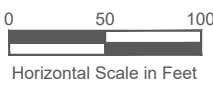
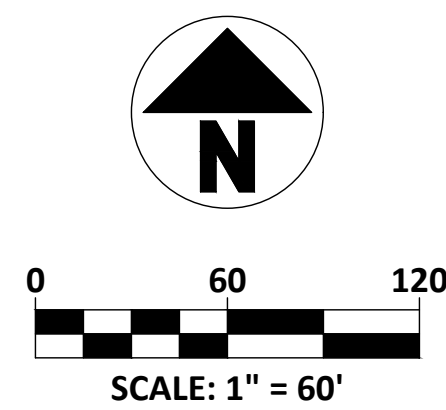


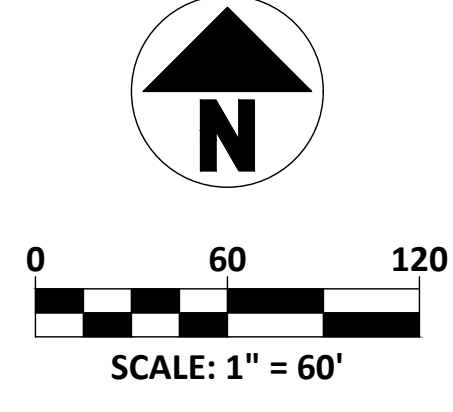


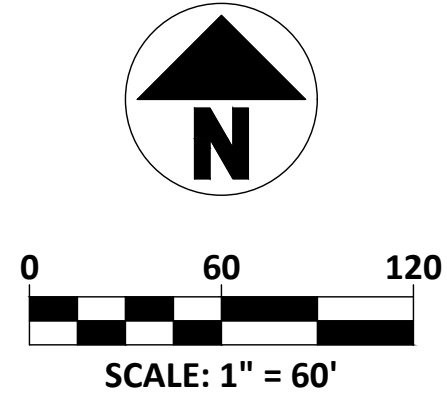
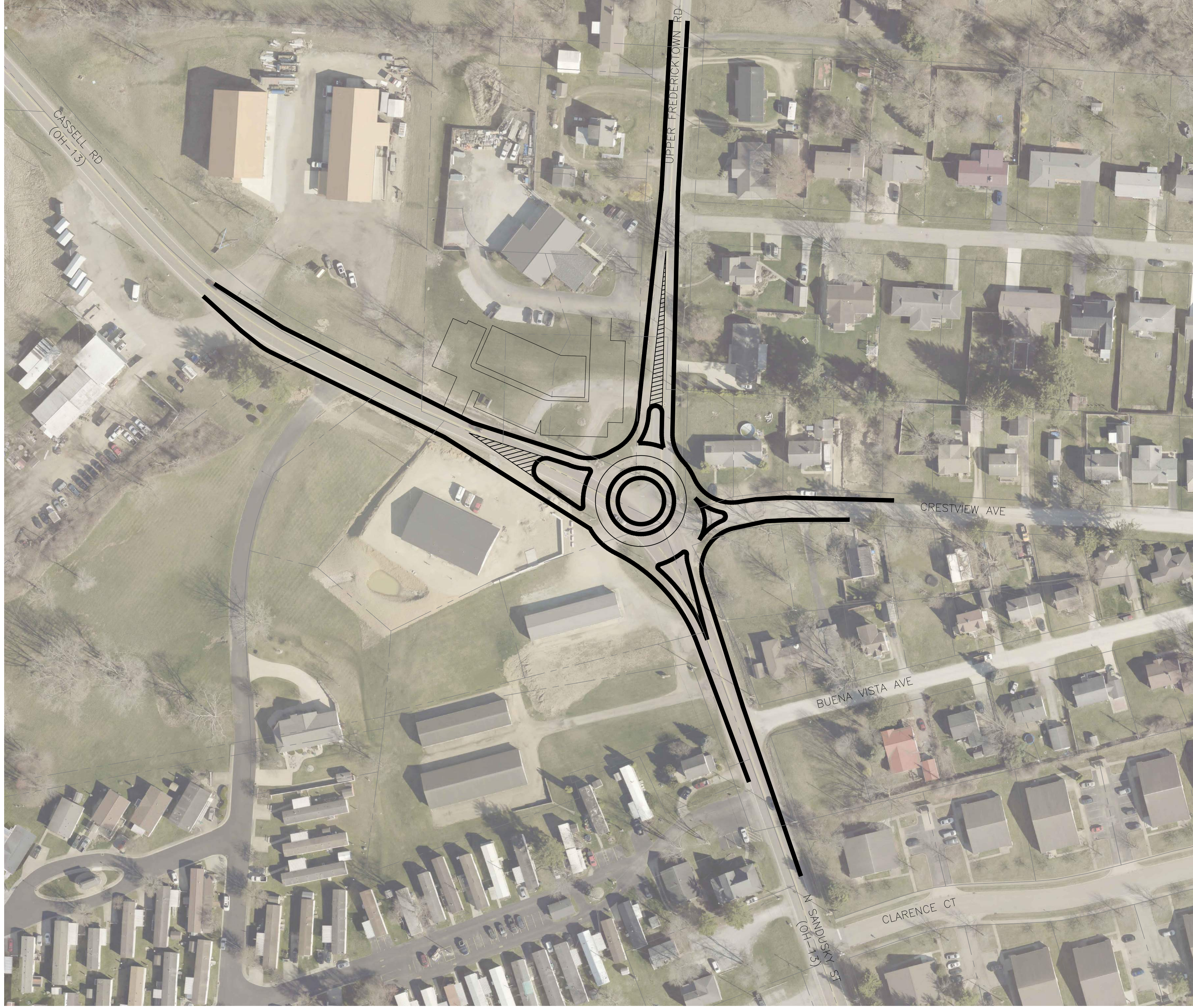
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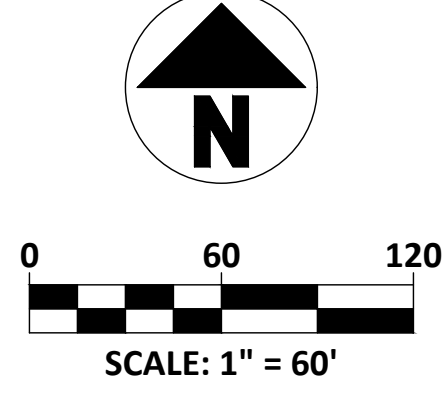
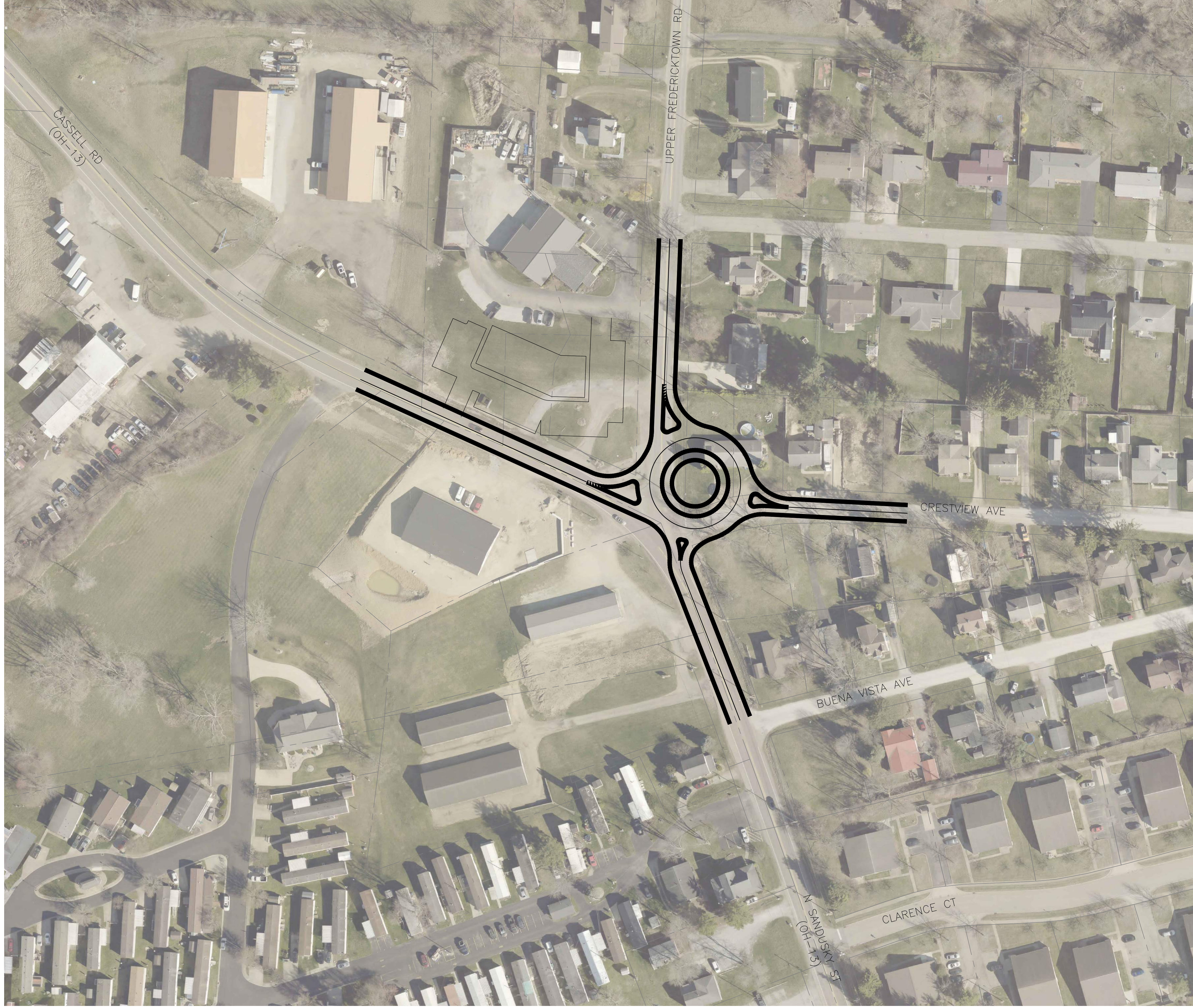


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Resolution No. 2025 - 07 - 22

Be it Resolved by the Township Trustees of Clinton Township,
that

The adoption of Resolution Authorizing and Directing Clinton Township to prepare and submit an application for CORPO Dedicated Funding for intersection improvements at State Route 13 North and Fredericktown Road. These improvements will enhance transportation safety, promote regional development, and support economic growth in the community. The project will be a joint effort with the City of Mount Vernon.

Motion: Jay Munner
Second: Terry Thompson

Adopted the ___ day of _____

Attest: _____

Approved Signatures:

[Signature]
Dorey Hochstetel
Terry Thompson



KNOX COUNTY ENGINEER

Cameron Keaton, P.E., P.S.

422 Columbus Road

Mount Vernon, Ohio 43050

Phone: (740) 397-1590

07/30/2025

Brian W. Ball
Mount Vernon City Engineer
40 Public Square
Mount Vernon, Ohio

Re: Safety improvements to the intersection of SR 13 and Upper Fredericktown Rd.

Dear Mr. Ball,

The Knox County Engineer is pleased to express support for the City's ongoing efforts to advance transportation projects that strengthen and improve the quality of life for our residents.

Mount Vernon has a proven track record of working collaboratively with public and private partners to pursue forward-looking initiatives and funding opportunities. The City's current proposal to apply for CORPO Dedicated Funding to develop intersection safety improvements and extend sidewalks at State Route 13 and Upper Fredericktown Road exemplifies its continued leadership in transportation system maintenance and safety. This initiative aligns with city and regional priorities and holds great promise to generate lasting benefits for the community and beyond.

I offer my support for this application and urge your favorable consideration. We look forward to the positive impact this effort will have on Mount Vernon and the entire Knox County area.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Cameron Keaton". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Cameron Keaton, P.E., P.S.



Knox County Board of Commissioners

Drenda Keesee

Barry Lester

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Clerk/Executive Assistant
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County Administrator
Jason Booth

Budget Analyst
Robin Santo

July 31, 2025

City of Mount Vernon
Brian W. Ball, City Engineer
40 Public Square
Mount Vernon, Ohio 43050

Dear Mr. Ball,

As a proud partner of the City of Mount Vernon, Ohio, the Knox County Board of Commissioners, are pleased to express support for its ongoing efforts to advance transportation projects that strengthen our regional economy and improve the quality of life for our residents.

Mount Vernon has a proven record of working collaboratively with public and private partners to pursue forward-looking initiatives and funding opportunities. The City's current proposal to apply for CORPO Dedicated Funding to develop intersection safety improvements and extend sidewalks at State Route 13 and Fredericktown Road, exemplifies its continued leadership in transportation system infrastructure, maintenance, and safety. This initiative aligns with city and regional priorities and holds great promise to generate lasting benefits for the community and beyond.

We are enthusiastic about the opportunity this project presents to attract new investments, create employment opportunities, and foster innovation in the rural community in and around Mount Vernon. As such, we offer our support for this application and urge your favorable consideration.

Thank you for your attention to this request. We look forward to the positive impact this effort will have on Mount Vernon, Knox County, and the surrounding region.

Sincerely,

Knox County Board of Commissioners
Knox County, Ohio


Barry Lester


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KNOX COUNTY TRANSIT

August 1, 2025

Brian W. Ball

City Engineer
City of Mount Vernon
40 Public Square
Mount Vernon, Ohio

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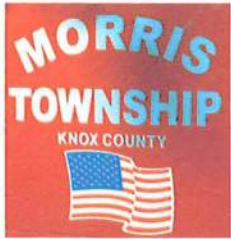
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Sincerely,



Bethany Celmar

Transit Director
Knox County Transit



Morris Township

Knox County, Ohio
PO Box 550
Mount Vernon, OH 43050

August 4, 2025

Brian W. Ball
City Engineer
City of Mount Vernon
40 Public Square
Mount Vernon, Ohio 43050

Dear Mr. Ball,

As a partner of the City of Mount Vernon, Ohio, Morris Township is pleased to express its support for the city's ongoing efforts to advance transportation projects that strengthen our regional economy and improve the quality of life for its residents. Morris Township abuts the city, and the intersection in question is accessed by many of our residents regularly.

Mount Vernon has a proven track record of working collaboratively with public and private partners to pursue forward-looking initiatives and funding opportunities. The City's current proposal to apply for CORPO Dedicated Funding to develop intersection safety improvements and extend sidewalks at State Route 13 and Fredericktown Road exemplifies its continued leadership in transportation system maintenance and safety.

This initiative aligns with city and regional priorities and holds great promise to generate lasting benefits for the community and beyond. We are enthusiastic about the opportunity this project presents to attract new investment, create jobs, and foster innovation in the rural community in and around Mount Vernon. As such, we offer our strong support for this application and urge your favorable consideration.

Thank you for your attention to this request. We look forward to the positive impact this effort will bring to Mount Vernon and the surrounding region.

Sincerely,

Dan Humphrey, Chairman
740-501-6054
dan@touchpointe.org

Richard Kershner, Trustee

Tim Smith, Trustee



Steve Oster, Superintendent

07/31/2025

Brian W. Ball
City Engineer
City of Mount Vernon
40 Public Square
Mount Vernon, Ohio

Dear Mr. Ball,

As a proud partner of the City of Mount Vernon, Ohio, the Knox County Board of Developmental Disabilities is pleased to express our strong support for the City's ongoing efforts to advance transportation projects that strengthen the regional economy and enhance the quality of life for our residents.

Mount Vernon has a proven track record of working collaboratively with both public and private partners to pursue forward-thinking initiatives and strategic funding opportunities. The City's current proposal to apply for CORPO Dedicated Funding to improve intersection safety and extend sidewalks at State Route 13 and Fredericktown Road is another example of its leadership in planning, infrastructure maintenance, and public safety. This project aligns with both local and regional priorities and holds significant potential to deliver lasting benefits to the community, particularly for individuals who use wheelchairs and rely on safe, accessible routes to move about their neighborhoods with independence and dignity.

We are enthusiastic about the opportunities this initiative presents to attract new investment, support job creation, and foster innovation in Mount Vernon and the surrounding rural areas. For these reasons, we offer our full support for the City's application and respectfully urge your favorable consideration.

Thank you for your attention to this request. We look forward to the positive impact this project will bring to our region.

Sincerely,
Steve Oster, Superintendent/CEO
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KNOX COUNTY TRANSIT

August 1, 2025

Brian W. Ball

City Engineer
City of Mount Vernon
40 Public Square
Mount Vernon, Ohio

Dear Mr. Ball,

As a proud partner of the City of Mount Vernon, Ohio, Knox County Transit is pleased to express support for its ongoing efforts to advance transportation projects that strengthen our regional economy and improve the quality of life for our residents.

Mount Vernon has a proven track record of working collaboratively with public and private partners to pursue forward-looking initiatives and funding opportunities. The City's current proposal to apply for CORPO Dedicated Funding to develop intersection safety improvements and extend sidewalks at State Route 13 and Fredericktown Road exemplifies its continued leadership in transportation system maintenance and safety. This initiative aligns with city and regional priorities and holds great promise to generate lasting benefits for the community and beyond.

We are enthusiastic about the opportunity this project presents to attract new investment, create jobs, and foster innovation in the rural community in and around Mount Vernon. As such, we offer our strong support for this application and urge your favorable consideration.

Thank you for your attention to this request. We look forward to the positive impact this effort will bring to Mount Vernon and the surrounding region.

Sincerely,



Bethany Celmar

Transit Director
Knox County Transit



Brian Ball <engineer@mountvernonohio.org>

Re: CORPO Application Info

1 message

Matthew Starr <mtvmayor@mountvernonohio.org>
To: Brian Ball <engineer@mountvernonohio.org>

Tue, Aug 5, 2025 at 9:15 AM

This looks good. You might mention that this also meets with the new Comprehensive Plan and the Mount Vernon Growth Plan objectives:

- Objective 5. Optimize and improve infrastructure networks - focussed attention on major corridors to minimize sprawl, enhance safety, and reduce congestion (p. 148)
- Objective 9. Expand and enhance local services and amenities - incorporate connectivity in future development and infrastructure upgrades to ensure appropriate response times, thereby enhancing public safety.
- Objective 10. Bridge gaps in the multimodal network - (several sub-objectives apply here) p. 155
- Objective 11. Enhance the pedestrian and bicyclist experience (p. 156).
- Objective 12. Relieve congestion and improve roadway safety along regional corridors (p. 158)

I don't know if these will help put us over the edge when it comes to checking our own planning. Feel free to use them or not in the application. There are a number of Get Healthy Knox County Plan applications as well as the Active Transportation and Knox Mobility Management objectives that check these boxes as well.

Thanks for your work on this - please proceed with completing the project cost information, sign and submit.

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Matthew T. Starr, D.B.A.
Mayor, City of Mount Vernon
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On Mon, Aug 4, 2025 at 4:17 PM Brian Ball <engineer@mountvernonohio.org> wrote:

Matt,

For your review attached.

Brian Ball, P.E.
City Engineer
40 Public Square, Mount Vernon, OH 43050
Phone: (740) 393-9528 Visit us at: www.mountvernonohio.org

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From: <msb.rva@gmail.com>



Brian Ball <engineer@mountvernonohio.org>

Re: CORPO grant

1 message

Matthew Starr <mtvmayor@mountvernonohio.org>
To: Brian Ball <engineer@mountvernonohio.org>

Mon, Aug 4, 2025 at 10:15 AM

Hello Brian,

Yes, I would like to just take a look at the application.

I hereby authorize you to sign the application for CORPO as outlined in Resolution 2025-71.

Matt

Matthew T. Starr, D.B.A.

Mayor, City of Mount Vernon

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On Mon, Aug 4, 2025 at 8:01 AM Brian Ball <engineer@mountvernonohio.org> wrote:

Matt,

Do you want to review the CORPO application? We are very close to having it completed. The turn in goal is Wednesday.

Please send an email authorization me to sign the application per Resolution 2025- 71.

Talk to you soon,

Brian Ball, P.E.

City Engineer

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City Council
City of Mount Vernon
Mount Vernon, OH 43050

Meeting: 07/14/25 7:30 PM
Dept: Streets and Public Buildings
Severns, Ruckman
Category: Streets
Prepared By: Todd Hill
Initiator: Todd Hill
DOC ID: 4261

1st-7/14/25
2nd-7/28/25
5th-7/28/25
ADOPT-7/28/25

SCHEDULED

RESOLUTION 2025-71

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SAFETY-SERVICE DIRECTOR TO APPLY FOR CORPO DEDICATED FUNDS PROGRAMMED BY THE CENTRAL OHIO RURAL PLANNING ORGANIZATION (CORPO) TO IMPROVE THE INTERSECTION OF NORTH SANDUSKY STREET (STATE ROUTE 13), UPPER FREDERICKTOWN ROAD AND CASSELL ROAD (STATE ROUTE 13); AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, the redesign of the intersection of North Sandusky Street (State Route 13), Upper Fredericktown Road and Cassell Road (State Route 13) is important to the City of Mount Vernon in order to improve safety and reduce congestion; and

WHEREAS, this need to improve safety and reduce congestion is vital to improve the quality of life for the citizens and motoring public by reducing emissions, and improving overall safety and well-being of the citizens and visitors of the City of Mount Vernon.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Mount Vernon, State of Ohio:

SECTION 1: That the Safety-Service Director is hereby authorized to apply for CORPO Dedicated Funds programmed by the Central Ohio Rural Planning Organization (CORPO) for improvement of the intersection of North Sandusky Street (State Route 13), Upper Fredericktown Road and Cassell Road (State Route 13).


SECTION 2: That the City of Mount Vernon acknowledges and understands the CORPO "Policies for Managing CORPO Dedicated Funds" and confirms to the best of its knowledge that the information contained in the project application is accurate, that it intends to diligently pursue that project, and that a local share is required to match federal funds.

SECTION 3: The City of Mount Vernon agrees to perform typical routine maintenance necessary on the newly redesigned intersection to keep it in a safe and passable condition for the motoring public.

SECTION 4: That it is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of the Council concerning and relating to the passage of this Resolution were taken in an open meeting of this Council and that all deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were meetings open to the public and in compliance with the law.


SECTION 5: This Resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety, convenience and welfare of the City of Mount Vernon and the inhabitants thereof, for the reason that it is to apply for this

funding by August 8, 2025, and provided that it receives the approval of two-thirds of the members of Council, shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval; otherwise to be in full force and effect from and after the earliest period allowed by law.



Bruce E. Hawkins, President of Council

PASSED: JULY 28, 2025

ATTEST: 

Todd Hill, Clerk of Council

APPROVED: July 28, 2025



Matthew T. Starr, Mayor