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First Eastern Corridor Contract Out For Bid Today Improvements to SR 32 Interchanges in Eastgate Area Will Soon Be Underway

CINCINNATI (Aug. 2, 2012) – The Eastern Corridor Program takes a big step forward today as its first construction contract - the Eastgate North Frontage Road - is put out for bid by the Clermont County Transportation District (CCTID). This project is part of the State Route (SR) 32 Improvements, Eastgate Area portion of the Eastern Corridor Program and prepares the way for making travel easier and safer around the I-275/SR 32 and Eastgate Boulevard interchanges.

"The Eastern Corridor Program is moving ahead," said Steve Mary, Director of the Ohio Department of Transportation, District 8. "The SR 32 Eastgate area interchange improvements are the first part of the Program to be underway. We have funding secured for the first three contracts and work there will be ongoing for the next two years. We are ready to get started."

The Eastgate North Frontage Road project involves the relocation of Eastgate North Drive on the north side of SR 32 from Eastgate Boulevard to Jackson Square. The second contract to go under construction will be for the Eastgate Boulevard Interchange Improvements which include reconstruction of Eastgate Boulevard over SR 32 and construction of new westbound entrance/exit ramps from Eastgate North Drive to SR 32. This ODOT contract will be bid in February 2013. The third contract for bid will construct modifications to the I-275/SR 32 interchange which will be bid in the fall of 2013.

Other core Eastern Corridor projects - Oasis Rail Transit, SR 32 Relocation, Red Bank Corridor and improvements to SR 32 between Eastgate Boulevard and Olive Branch-Stonelick Road - are also moving forward, although these projects are still in the planning and development stage. Recommendations for the Oasis Rail Transit and SR 32 Relocation are being shared and discussed with the public this week at a series of public involvement meetings. The open house-style meetings have already been held in the Milford and East End areas. Another meeting is scheduled tonight at Nagel Middle School at 1500 Nagel Road in the Anderson/Newtown area. The meeting will be held between 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. and a Question and Answer session will begin at 7 p.m. More information is available at www.EasternCorridor.org.

"The Eastern Corridor Program is heading towards reality," said Clermont County Engineer Pat Manger. "It's a program uniquely supported by multiple agencies across the region and its immediate reach affects two counties, 17 jurisdictions and more than 125,000 people. The transportation enhancements and economic development opportunities it offers will be a tremendous asset to local communities and our region. Parts of it will continue to come on line in phases as the projects complete the planning process and funding is secured."

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Eastern Corridor Implementation Partners

Feedback from the public is always welcome. Ways to share questions and comments with project planners include attending the public involvement meetings, submitting comments on the Eastern Corridor website (www.EasternCorridor.org), sending email to EasternCorridor.org or calling the Eastern Corridor hotline at (513) 888-7625.

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The Eastern Corridor is a program of integrated, multi-modal transportation investments. The Program will enhance our regional transportation network by improving travel and connections between central Cincinnati and the communities extending east through Hamilton County into western Clermont County. Program elements include improvements to existing road networks, new and expanded roadways, rail transit, expanded bus routes and improvements for pedestrians and bicyclists. The Eastern Corridor Program is administered by the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) in cooperation with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Eastern Corridor Implementation Partners: Hamilton County Transportation Improvement District (HCTID), Clermont County Transportation Improvement District (CCTID), City of Cincinnati, Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana Regional Council of Governments (OKI) and the Southwest Ohio Regional Transit Authority (SORTA).

AUGUST 3, 2012 – BID RESULTS UPDATE

To: Patrick J. Manger, PE, PS

Secretary/Treasurer, Clermont County Transportation Improvement District

From: Douglas E. Royer, PE

Clermont County Engineers Office

Date: August 3, 2012

RE: BID OPENING: Eastgate North Frontage Road, PID 82555

The following bids were received in the Office of the Clermont County Engineer until 2:00 P.M. local time on August 2, 2012 where they were publicly opened and read aloud. The engineers estimate for this project was \$2,936,786.00.

Bidder	Base Amount	Base with Alternate
John R. Jurgensen Company	\$2,711,905.03	\$2,740,230.03
Adleta Construction	\$3,008,620.38	\$3,038,431.38
R.B. Jergens	\$3,010,953.73	\$3,041,494.43
Barrett Paving Materials	\$3,040,637.80	\$3,068,962.88

These bids have been reviewed by the Clermont County Engineers Office and subsequently recommend awarding this project to John R. Jurgensen Company in the amount of \$2,740,230.03. The Alternate includes the decorative signal poles and luminaires. Our office will begin preparing the necessary contracts and associated paperwork to allow the CCTID to enter into a contract with John R. Jurgensen Company.

The Clermont County Engineers time stamp was verified with the U.S. Naval Observatory time.