

A Resolution of Support by the Franklin County Board Of Commissioners to support a regional effort to secure Funding from the State of Ohio Logistics and Distribution Stimulus Program for the Alum Creek Drive/I-270- Interchange and the Alum Creek Drive/Groveport Road intersection

Economic Development and Planning

WHEREAS, Rickenbacker is the most significant and visible component of Central Ohio's logistics capability, for which the region has national renown. Traffic capacity of the corridor, and specifically the Groveport Road/Alum Creek Drive intersection and I-270/Alum Creek Drive interchange must be increased to meet the demands of this thriving economy today and tomorrow; and

WHEREAS, Roadway improvements along the Alum Creek Drive corridor from the Rickenbacker logistics area to I-270 are needed to remediate congestion, increase connectivity and expand capacity in support of efficient multi-modal logistics activity, growth and development; and

WHEREAS, A key driver of logistics activity growth will be the completion of the Norfolk Southern Heartland Corridor in mid-2010. This faster route for delivery of import ocean shipments to the Midwest will begin to offer tremendous opportunity for the Columbus Region as an inland port and logistics center; and

WHEREAS, A typical construction project for the corridor could take until late 2015, according to the Mid Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC). However, an accelerated program, which requires a component of private funding, could result in an opening in mid 2013 - 28 months earlier;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Franklin County, Ohio, all members thereof concurring:

1. That the Franklin County Board of Commissioners hereby supports the efforts of the coalition comprised of the Columbus Chamber, the Columbus Region Logistics Council, Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission and the Rickenbacker Infrastructure Coordinating Committee to obtain funding.
2. That the Clerk of the Board of Franklin County Commissioners is to forward a copy of this Resolution of Support to:

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