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ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

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MEMORANDUM

To: Residents of Aurora Road and Liberty Road

From: John J. Busch, PE, City Engineer

Date: March 3, 2020

Re: Property Owner Project Notification
Widening & Reconstruction of SR-43 (Aurora Road)
Project No. CUY-43-1.98-PID 109517
City of Solon, Cuyahoga County Ohio

The CUY-43-1.98 (PID 109517) project proposes widening and reconstruction of 1.1 miles of State Route 43 (Aurora Road) from just southeast of State Route 91 to Andre Lane and on Liberty Road from Spicebush Lane north to the abandoned railroad track in the City of Solon, Cuyahoga County, Ohio. The purpose of the project is to improve safety, reduce congestion, and increase the level of safety by reducing rear end collisions along the State Route 43 corridor. To ensure that the decision-making process is comprehensive, input from local residents and businesses is needed.

The proposed work will include the construction of a 10' wide multi-use path on the south side of State Route 43 from just southeast of State Route 91 to Liberty Road. The 10' wide multi-use path will continue south on Liberty Road to Spicebush Lane. Additional improvements include turn lane additions on State Route 43 at Portz Parkway and southbound Liberty Road at Aurora Road, a new traffic signal at Portz Parkway and the installation of a new watermain as well as improved drainage, signage and pavement markings. An overall improvement plan is attached for your consideration.

It is anticipated the proposed work along State Route 43 will be constructed one half at a time, so as to not restrict access to adjacent businesses or residences. Northbound State Route 43 traffic will be detoured, while southbound traffic will be maintained. Access will be maintained to all adjacent properties for the duration of the project. Limited closures for the reconstruction of driveways will be necessary and coordinated appropriately. Detailed construction updates will be posted along the impacted routes and on the City of Solon's website prior to the start of construction. The project is scheduled for construction starting in the early spring of 2022 and the estimated cost of construction is approximately \$7,600,000.00.

The majority of the proposed improvements will be constructed within existing roadway right-of-way. However, additional temporary and/or permanent right(s)-of-way will be required along State Route 43 and Liberty Road to accommodate construction. When authorized, a City of Solon representative will contact you to schedule an appointment to discuss the project, the

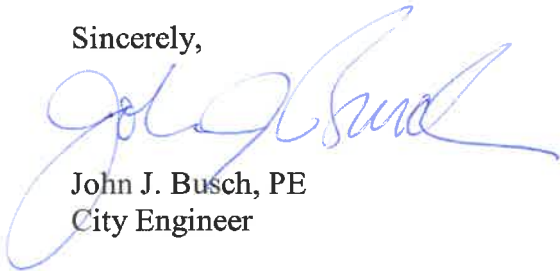
effect of the project on your property and explain the right-of-way acquisition negotiation process.

In order to widen Aurora Road and construct the multi-use path, temporary and permanent right-of-way will be required from property associated with the Solon Community Center. As a public recreational facility, the Solon Community Center is considered a recreational resource under Section 4(f) of the Department of Transportation Act of 1966 (23 CFR 774) and is provided protection from adverse impacts due to federal-aid transportation projects. Additional construction measures will be implemented to minimize harm to the Solon Community Center.

An environmental document to assess potential environmental impacts resulting from the proposed project is currently being prepared. As part of the environmental process, the City of Solon is seeking comments from the public about the social, environmental, and economic impacts of this proposed project. Environmental impacts include those involving archeological, architectural and ecological resources, regulated materials, and the general location of the project. In compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended (codified as 36 CFR 800), the City of Solon requests information regarding the presence of any known cultural resources in the vicinity of the project. Cultural resources include prehistoric and historic archaeological sites, historic bridges, historic buildings, sites and districts. The City of Solon is also seeking any comments you may have about the project design.

The City of Solon sincerely appreciates your cooperation and assistance so this worthwhile project can be completed at the earliest possible date. If you have any comments, concerns, or questions regarding the environmental impacts or project design, please feel free to contact me at (440) 349-6745 or email me at jbusch@solonohio.org. **Please submit any comments regarding the environmental impacts and/or the proposed project by April 10, 2020.**

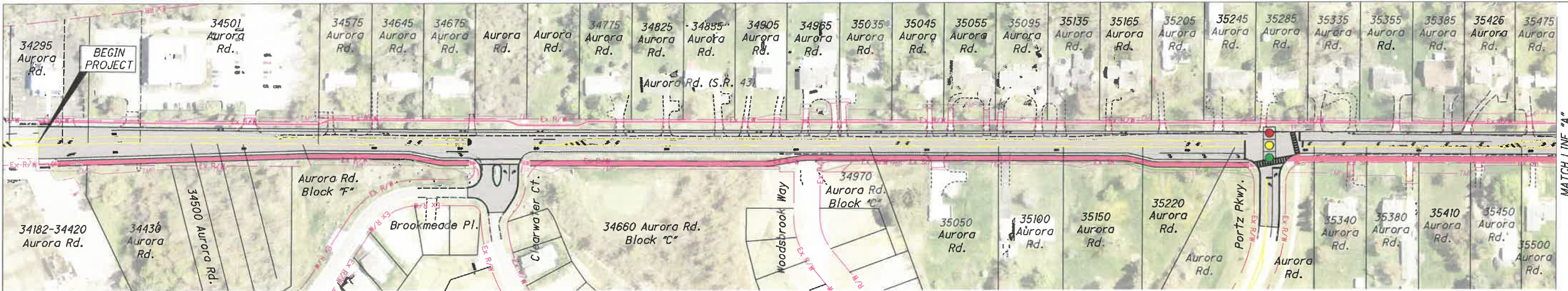
Sincerely,



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City Engineer

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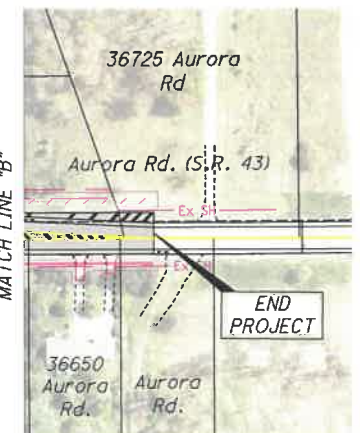
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| PROPOSED SIDEWALK/BIKEPATH | | PROPOSED EASEMENT | | SW |
| EXISTING RIGHT-OF-WAY | | TEMPORARY RIGHT-OF-WAY | | TMP |
| EXISTING EASEMENT | | | | |
| EXISTING LIMITED ACCESS | | | | |

PROPOSED SIGNAL

PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS :
 - WIDENING AND RESURFACING
 - DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS
 - CURB & GUTTER AND SIDEWALKS
 - TRAFFIC SIGNS AND PAVEMENT MARKINGS



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PROPOSED STATE ROUTE 43 IMPROVEMENTS

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