

**RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING  
MAJOR TRANSPORTATION INVESTMENT PRIORITY PROJECTS  
FOR LAWRENCE COUNTY**

**WHEREAS;** Lawrence County, Ohio sees an efficient and integrated transportation system as being critical for the continued implementation of development and redevelopment plans for the County and the Tri-State Metropolitan Community, and

**WHEREAS;** the continued development and protection of its US 52 / SR 7 highway corridor has been identified as a unique and critical component for not only long term development plans for Lawrence County, but also for the continued long term efficiency for the transportation system of the Tri-State Community, and

**WHEREAS;** the recently updated US 52 / SR 7 Corridor Transportation Plan provides both a long term plan and an investment strategy for the community that will both protect this critical transportation corridor while continuing to support Lawrence County in its ongoing development efforts, and

**WHEREAS:** In addition, Lawrence County recognizes that an interconnected system with other modes of transportation including, but not limited to, air, river, rail, pedestrian, bicycles, and other alternative vehicles are critical to have an efficient transportation system supporting its future, and

**WHEREAS;** Lawrence County and its transportation and development partners have met, reviewed, and agreed with the long term plan outlined within the US 52/SR 7 Transportation Plan and the Lawrence County Bicycle and Pedestrian plans and their respective recommended investment strategies, and

**WHEREAS;** knowing that the full implementation of said plan requires a targeted long term and strategic investment by its Federal, State, Regional and local partners to assure that the US 52/ SR 7 highway corridor can continue to serve the community safely and efficiently, while supporting planned development along said corridor and

**WHEREAS;** knowing that recently passed Federal legislation will be making investment funding to the most critical of infrastructure within local communities.

**Now, Therefore Be It Resolved:** this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2021 Lawrence County Transportation Improvement District, that

1. That the following highway projects are considered as having highest priority

for investment and completion within Lawrence County, Ohio for the US 52/SR 7 highway corridor:

- a. Chesapeake By-Pass (aka Tri-State Outer belt), completion of remaining phase as a Super 2 highway with limited at grade interchanges, with subsequent future investment to make it a full limited access highway.
  - b. The upgrade of the US 52 / SR 243 Interchange with proposed and designed round about.
  - c. US 52 Ironton Interchange improvements with the addition of a third west bound entrance ramp (roundabout) and closure of Deep Cut at grade entrance.
  - d. Interchange additions on US 52 in Burlington
  - e. Interchange addition on US 52 at South Point Grandview location and consolidation of Lick Creek and Delta Lane at grade intersections and associated closures
  - f. The addition of the New Ohio River Bridge Crossing (AKA Merritt's Creek Bridge, and associated Ohio Approach Ramp Improvements.
2. That the following bicycle/pedestrian/alternative vehicle projects be considered as highest priority for investment towards a recommended completion of an interconnected off highway system:
- a. The Rome to Proctorville segment of County Ohio River Trail
  - b. The Ironton Downtown/Gateway Vernon Street Interconnector
  - c. The Ironton Gateway / Sports and Recreation Complex Interconnector trail
  - d. The Ironton to Vesuvius Lake Iron Railroad Trail
  - e. Completion of the Ohio River Trail interconnections between Ironton and Rome Township, as well as interconnection of County Trail Systems into State of Ohio as well as the Tri-State Trail Systems.
3. That appropriate ODOT, KYOVA, and Local resources be directed to complete the above projects design, right of way acquisitions, in order to utilize Federal infrastructure funding being made available for critical infrastructure projects including, but not limited to, the proposed Federal investment within the I-73/ I-74 / I-75 National Transportation Corridor.

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DeAnna Holiday, Chairperson

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Patrick D. Leighty, Secretary