Ohio Department of Transportation and the Holmes County Park District Seek Comments on the Holmes County Trail Resurfacing Project

New Philadelphia – The Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) District 11 and the Holmes County Park District are seeking comments on the resurfacing of approximately four miles of the existing Holmes County Trail in Hardy and Prairie Townships of Holmes County, Ohio.

The proposed project will span from the first bridge on the trail (approximately 1.25 miles north of the Depot in Millersburg) to CR 189 in Holmesville. The existing trail is 16 feet wide with 8 feet paved for bicycle and pedestrian traffic and 8 feet chip and sealed for horses and buggies. The project will include removing pavement from both lanes and the placement of new asphalt. The buggy lane will be double chip and sealed to combat the high horse traffic. Most work will be completed under part width construction, but some short-term closures (1 day or less) may be required. Detour signage will be provided when necessary.

No wooded habitat suitable for endangered bat species will be impacted. No impacts to waters of the US will be involved. No permanent or temporary right-of-way takes are anticipated. Construction is expected to begin in the Spring of 2023.

ODOT and the Park District are seeking comments from the public regarding the social, environmental, and economic impacts of these proposed project. Environmental impacts include those associated with historical archeological or architectural resources, ecological resources, hazardous materials, and/or any general concerns regarding the project.

Written comments concerning the project may be mailed to: Holmes County Park District, 1 Trail Drive, Suite A, Millersburg, Ohio 44654; Attention: Jen Halverson, Director (330) 674-3353 or via email to hcparks@embarqmail.com. All comments must be submitted by June 17, 2022.

Public participation in this project is solicited without regard to race, color, sex, age, national origin or disability.

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