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Delaware County Begins Connection of Sawmill Parkway

Delaware—With today's vote of contractor approval by the Delaware County Commissioners, the construction of 4.7 miles of new roadway that will connect Sawmill Parkway to US Route 42 takes its first step toward fruition. According to County Engineer Chris Bauserman, "I am very pleased to be here today to recommend awarding the contract to Trucco Construction Company of Delaware. With a bid of \$30,433,676.42, we are pleased to have a local company with a reputation of excellence and a quote that is about 20 percent lower than the anticipated cost." Other bidders were Kokosing Construction: \$37,279,888.11; Shelly and Sands, Inc: \$33,894,143.63; and Miller Brothers: \$37,308,598.73.

The work will include 4 roundabouts at the intersections of Bunty Station Road, Bean Oller Road, Clark Shaw Road, and Ford Road. There will be one new signalized intersection with turn lanes at U.S. Rt. 42. The four-lane roadway will feature aesthetic lighting and landscaping. Construction is expected to start immediately following the Groundbreaking, with a completion date of October 31, 2016.

"The project starts at Hyatts Road, so we plan to do a Groundbreaking Ceremony there on Thursday, July 23, at 1:30 p.m., in combination with the city of Delaware, since the project's completion will end 1,600' north of US Rt. 42 in the city. We hope everyone will join us for this momentous occasion," said County Engineer Chris Bauserman.

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Sean Hughes, Economic Development Director for the city of Delaware, added that the city greatly appreciates the county leadership on this project and pointed out that opening this access allows for increased interest in the business district.

Commissioner Barb Lewis asked Mr. Hughes what types of industry are showing interest and he talked about the emphasis on research and development, described as “small boutique manufacturing.”

“Bringing a wider range of higher paying jobs is great for the city and our county. After more than 30 years of hard work by so many, we are pleased to see this project move forward. This collaborative effort is a great milestone and will open up other business opportunities for the County and the city of Delaware,” stated Commissioner Barb Lewis.

Commission President Gary Merrell thanked Engineer Bauserman for his leadership, as well as many others, and shared, “this was one of my priorities coming into this position and I think this is an exciting time for all of us. It is a natural place to bring Sawmill Parkway to US Route 42 and creating high-quality industrial jobs brings balance to our retail and residential base.”

Established in 1808, Delaware County is located in the center of Ohio, is 459 square miles in size, and serves our almost 190,000 residents. Delaware County is one of the top 50 employers in central Ohio and continues to be the fastest growing county in the state.

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