

County road project gets funding

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Delaware County received funding for one of four major projects from the Ohio Department of Transportation's Transportation Review Advisory Council, it was announced Thursday afternoon.

"The TRAC has approved investing \$123.1 million into 11 major transportation projects in eight counties over the next four years," said an ODOT news release.

The release said project development funding was approved for "\$5 million in fiscal year 2027 for improvements at the U.S. Route 23 and Orange Road intersection in Delaware County." A total of \$11 million had been requested.

Just below Orange Road, funding was also approved in the amount of "\$3 million in fiscal year 2027 for improvements at the Interstate-71 and I-270 interchange on the north side of Columbus in Franklin County," said ODOT. The new project from ODOT District 6 had requested \$4 million.

A total of 27 projects, including three others from Delaware County, applied for funding this cycle. Two were for additional funding for Delaware I-71 at Sunbury Parkway phases B (\$14 million requested) and C (\$6 million), sponsored by ODOT District 6 and the Delaware County Transportation Improvement District. The other was Delaware U.S. 23 Home Road right-of-way, with sponsor ODOT District 6 requesting \$16 million.

"The demand for major infrastructure projects that improve safety, enhance connections, and fuel economic development continues to grow across the state," said ODOT Director Pamela Boratyn in the release. "The projects approved by the TRAC today align with ODOT's mission to strengthen local, regional, and national mobility."

"The Transportation Review Advisory Council (TRAC) was established by Ohio Revised Code in 1997 to help the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) develop and modify a project selection process which approves funding for the development and construction of the Major New Capacity Program," ODOT said.

"The TRAC has nine members and is chaired by the Director of ODOT. Six members are appointed by the Governor and one each by the speaker of the Ohio House of Representatives and the president of the Ohio Senate. Members have overlapping terms. The Director provides funds for new construction only after assuring that system preservation needs have been met. The use of the new construction funds is the responsibility of the TRAC, but the TRAC does not have authority over other aspects of the Department of Transportation."