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MEMORANDUM

TO:

Karl Wetherholt

City of Gahanna

Engineering Department

FROM:

Craig B. Paynter

DATE:

June 4, 2010

RE:

Attorneys' Fees for the Hamilton Road/Route 161 Improvement

Karl:

You have asked me for a brief memo detailing our thoughts on fees to be incurred moving forward on the real property acquisitions. It occurs to me that we will most likely consume approximately \$30,000 in time preparing these matters for trial. While we are well on our way to resolving several of the matters, we have known all along that at least two (Fifth Third and Englefield Oil) will be contested, at least through the mediation and settlement stage. As a result of this, we will need to proceed with discovery, and most likely included in that process will be depositions of expert witnesses and landowners who will be providing testimony as to value. I am hopeful that the \$30,000 figure will not be exceeded and that we will be able to manage costs as we did in the pre-filing stage.

Please let me know if you need any more specific information.

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