

**PROJECT COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
CITY OF GAHANNA
AND
CITY OF COLUMBUS,
VILLAGE OF NEW ALBANY, AND
FRANKLIN COUNTY ENGINEER**

WHEREAS, The City of Gahanna, Ohio has declared necessary the improvement of the intersection of USR 62 and Morse Road more specifically described below and also know as FRA-62-26.32.

Project Location and Description

1. *USR 62 from a point approximately 1580 southwest of Morse Road to a point 1280 feet northeast of Morse Road.*
2. *Morse Road for a point 1250 feet west of USR62 to a point 1500 feet east of USR 62*
3. *The project includes widening of USR 62 and Morse Road from existing two-lane roads to a five-lane and six-lane intersection The proposed improvement will include new curb and gutter, sidewalks with ADA compliant handicap ramps, storm sewer improvements and an upgraded traffic signal.*
4. *The project also widens the USR 62 and Morse Road bridges over Rocky Fork Creek.*
5. *This project has portion in the Cities of Gahanna and Columbus, the Village of New Albany and Plain Township all in Franklin County*

WHEREAS, Portions of said improvement are within the boundaries of the Cities of Gahanna and Columbus, The Village of New Albany and Plain Township of Franklin County, Ohio.

WHEREAS, USR 62 and Morse Road have utility to the general public of all the above mentioned local jurisdictions that of being an important arterial link between the residents of these communities for through traffic; and the public interest demands its continued safe and efficient use.

WHEREAS, growth in this region of Franklin County have reduced the Level of Service for this key intersection causing undo delays for the motorists using it.

WHEREAS, the safety and convenience to the general public have been diminished creating the need for the proposed improvements.

NOW, THEREFORE, The City of Columbus, City of Gahanna, The Village of New Albany and Franklin County through the Franklin County Engineer do hereby mutually agree to cooperate in the planning, design and construction and to share in the cost and expense of the proposed improvement as follows:

EXHIBIT A

City of Gahanna will:

- ◆ Declare the improvement necessary and agree to cooperate in said improvement with the City of Columbus, Village of New Albany and Franklin County Engineer adoption of legislation the City Council of Gahanna.
- ◆ Have general charge and administration of all contracts associated with the design of said improvement.
- ◆ Review all plans, specifications and estimates for the portion of the improvement within Gahanna's corporate limits.
- ◆ Approve plans upon satisfactory design to the appropriate engineering standards and specifications.
- ◆ Conduct a final inspection with all local agencies specified above.
- ◆ Cooperate in the acquisition of any needed rights-of-way for the necessary bridge and road improvements.
- ◆ Coordinate necessary utility relocation and or adjustments for the proposed improvements.
- ◆ Acquire any needed rights-of-way for the proposed improvement.
- ◆ Cooperate with the Ohio Department of Transportation in the preparation of bid documents, advertise, take bids award and administer the construction contract.
- ◆ Provide construction engineering and inspection.
- ◆ Upon completion, maintain and operate the portion of the completed improvement within its corporate limits, including the traffic signal.
- ◆ Gahanna shall bear its portion of the local share of the proposed improvements and provide for perpetual maintenance, rehabilitation and replacement cost of the portions of the proposed improvement within the corporate limits of Gahanna.

City of Columbus will:

- ◆ Declare the improvement necessary and agree to cooperate in said improvement with the City of Gahanna and declare the City of Gahanna the lead agency for this improvement by adoption of legislation by the City Council.
- ◆ Provide payment of its local share of the costs for the proposed improvements, including design, construction, right-of-way acquisition, and construction engineering/inspection cost.
- ◆ Enter into any necessary agreements with the City of Gahanna to complete the terms of this agreement.
- ◆ Review and approval of plans, specifications and estimates for the proposed improvements.
- ◆ Participate in a final inspection with City of Gahanna and the Ohio Department of Transportation prior to acceptance of the improvements.
- ◆ Upon completion, agree to provide for the perpetual maintenance, rehabilitation and/or replacement cost constructed that are within the City of Columbus as part of the proposed project.

Village of New Albany will:

- ◆ Declare the improvement necessary and agree to cooperate in said improvement with the City of Gahanna and declare the City of Gahanna the lead agency for this improvement by adoption of legislation by the Village Council.
- ◆ Enter into any necessary agreements with the City of Gahanna to complete the terms of this agreement.
- ◆ Review and approval of plans, specifications and estimates for the proposed improvements.
- ◆ Participate in a final inspection with City of Gahanna and the Ohio Department of Transportation prior to acceptance of the improvements.
- ◆ Upon completion, agree to provide for the perpetual maintenance, rehabilitation and/or replacement cost constructed that are within the Village of New Albany as part of the proposed project.

Franklin County through the Franklin County Engineer will:

- ◆ Declare the improvement necessary and agree to cooperate in said improvement with the City of Gahanna and declare the City of Gahanna the lead agency for this improvement by adoption of a resolution by the Board of County Commissioners.
- ◆ Provide payment of its local share of the costs for the proposed improvements, including design, construction, right-of-way acquisition, and construction engineering/inspection cost.
- ◆ Enter into any necessary agreements with the City of Gahanna to complete the terms of this agreement.
- ◆ Review and approval of plans, specifications and estimates for the proposed improvements.
- ◆ Participate in a final inspection with City of Gahanna and the Ohio Department of Transportation prior to acceptance of the improvements.
- ◆ Upon completion, agree to provide for the perpetual maintenance, rehabilitation and/or replacement cost constructed for the Morse Road Bridge over Rocky Fork Creek as part of the proposed project.

CITY OF GAHANNA

Approved as to form:

_____ date
 Director of Public Service

_____ date
 Gahanna City Attorney

CITY OF COLUMBUS

Approved as to form:

_____ date
 Linda K. Page
 Director of Public Service

_____ date
 Janet Jackson
 Columbus City Attorney

VILLAGE OF NEW ALBANY

Approved as to form:

date
Village Administrator

date
Village of New Albany Attorney

FRANKLIN COUNTY

Approved as to form:

date
Dean Ringle, P.E., P.S.
Franklin County Engineer

date
Franklin County Prosecutor