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I-275/SR 32 Interchange Project to Begin Ahead of Schedule *ODOT Secures Funding to Start Project Next Year*

CINCINNATI (Oct. 3, 2012) – The Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) has announced that the sale date for the Interstate 275/State Route 32 (I-275)/SR 32 interchange reconstruction project, delayed in January 2012 until 2019, has been moved up to May of next year. The advanced sale date is thanks to funds made available through in-house efficiencies and an unexpected bump in federal funds.

“This project is extremely important to the region,” said Steve Mary, ODOT Deputy Director for District 8. “We’ve worked very hard to identify funding sources for the project and keep it in front of the Transportation Review Advisory Committee (TRAC). The hard work has paid off and we look forward to getting started in just a few short months.”

“This is fantastic news,” said Clermont County Engineer Pat Manger. “It will be a challenge getting all the pieces in place and ready for a May sale date, but it’s a challenge we are ready, willing and able to meet.”

The I-275/SR 32 interchange project will involve reconstructing the interchange to provide safer and more efficient travel for motorists. The project is a key part of the Eastern Corridor’s larger effort to address problems associated with access to the SR 32 corridor in the Eastgate area. These include high accident rates, increasing traffic and congestion and multiple at-grade access locations. The first part of this effort, the relocation of Eastgate North Drive between Eastgate Boulevard and Jackson Square (referred to as the Eastgate North Frontage Road project), began in August 2012. A contract for the reconstruction of Eastgate Boulevard over SR 32 and construction of new westbound entrance/exit ramps from Eastgate North Drive to SR 32 is scheduled to sell in February 2013.

The SR 32/I-275 interchange project will take slightly more than two years to complete and costs are estimated at \$44.7 million dollars. Traffic will be maintained throughout construction. The Clermont County Transportation Improvement District (CCTID), in coordination with ODOT, will proactively communicate construction status and any routing information through its website and through email traffic updates. To sign up for updates, send an email message to EasternCorridor@EasternCorridor.org.

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The Eastern Corridor is a program of integrated, multi-modal transportation investments. The Program will enhance our regional transportation network by improving travel and connections between central Cincinnati and the communities extending east through Hamilton County into western Clermont County. Program elements include improvements to existing road networks, new and expanded roadways, rail transit, expanded bus routes and improvements for pedestrians and bicyclists. The Eastern Corridor Program is administered by the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) in cooperation with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Eastern Corridor Implementation Partners.

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