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**CLERMONT COUNTY JOINS REGIONAL PARTNERS TO CELEBRATE LAUNCH  
OF I-275/SR 32 INTERCHANGE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT**  
*Improvements will make travel and access in Eastgate area easier and safer*

BATAVIA (August 2, 2013) – Clermont County Commissioner Ed Humphrey and Clermont County Engineer Pat Manger participated in a groundbreaking ceremony this morning for the I-275/State Route (SR) 32 Interchange Improvement project. A part of the Eastern Corridor Program’s effort to address problems associated with access to the SR 32 corridor in the Eastgate area, the project will involve reconstructing the interchange to provide safer and more efficient travel for motorists.

“Clermont County is growing,” said Engineer Manger. “There are an increasing number of jobs in the Eastgate area. Employers, their employees and potential workers from throughout the region are looking to our area as a hub for economic development and strategic growth. At the same time, we know that local residents and families consider Eastgate a popular destination. It’s our job to make sure the infrastructure is in place to support safe and efficient travel to and through the Eastgate area.”

Coordinated by the Ohio Department of Transportation, this morning’s groundbreaking event officially launched the beginning of the third phase of transportation improvements along SR 32 for the Eastgate area. The I-275/SR 32 interchange project will address a variety of issues including high accident rates, increasing traffic and congestion and inappropriately spaced roadway access points that require motorists to merge quickly and weave between accelerating traffic.

The first two phases of improvements, currently in progress, have been laying the foundation for this work. Phase 1 focuses on realigning and widening lanes along Eastgate North Frontage Road (also know as Eastgate North Drive), as well as improving access to and from SR 32 and Eastgate Boulevard. Phase 2 focuses on the reconstruction of the Eastgate Boulevard over SR 32, making it wider and relocating the westbound entrance and exit ramps from SR 32 to Eastgate North Drive (instead of Eastgate Boulevard). Moving ramp traffic will improve levels of service along Eastgate Boulevard. Together, this work will make travel easier and safer along SR 32 within the I-275 interchange area, accommodate increasing traffic levels, and reduce congestion and travel delays.

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“Many people and organizations have worked very hard to move the I-275/SR 32 interchange project up to the forefront and get it completed sooner than later,” said Commissioner Humphrey. “We sincerely thank all of our partners for their commitment to this work.” Commissioner Humphrey noted that the project was delayed in January 2012 until 2019, but ODOT was able to move construction up to this year through funds made available through in-house efficiencies and an unexpected bump in federal funds.

The I-275/SR 32 interchange project will take slightly more than two years to complete. The Clermont County Transportation Improvement District, in coordination with ODOT, will communicate construction status and any routing information through its website and through email traffic updates. To sign up for updates, send an email to [info@GoClermont.org](mailto:info@GoClermont.org).

More information about Clermont County transportation improvements is available at [www.GoClermont.org](http://www.GoClermont.org).

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*Established in June 2006, the Clermont County Transportation Improvement District (CCTID) works across geographic and political lines to improve the quality of life in Clermont County by stimulating economic development through transportation improvements. Projects advanced by the CCTID ease congestion, expand access to current and future business and shopping locations, and improve safety for all who travel through the area. More information about the CCTID is available at [www.GoClermont.org](http://www.GoClermont.org).*

*The Eastern Corridor is a program of integrated, multi-modal transportation investments that, together, will provide essential east-west connectivity for the Greater Cincinnati region. Currently in its second phase of study, which is fully funded, the Program will address critical congestion issues and mobility challenges expected to worsen by 2030. Planned enhancements will improve 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 bicyclists and pedestrians. 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: Hamilton County Transportation Improvement District (HCTID), Clermont County Transportation Improvement District (CCTID), City of Cincinnati, Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana Regional Council of Governments (OKI) and the Southwest Ohio Regional Transit Authority (SORTA).*

