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CLERMONT COUNTY ENGINEER PROVIDES PROJECT UPDATE ON BRANCH HILL-GUINEA PIKE IMPROVEMENTS AND RELATED ROAD CLOSURES

Current traffic pattern and detour will remain in place through Sept. 15

Batavia, Ohio – The Clermont County Engineer today provided an update on the widening work taking place on Branch Hill-Guinea Pike from Bridle Path Lane to Jer-Les Drive.

“Weather and unexpected underground utility issues have extended the length of time crews will need to safely open Branch Hill-Guinea Pike to two-way traffic,” said Engineer Manger. “As a result, the current road closure on the southern end of Branch Hill-Guinea Pike and Weber Road will remain in place through Saturday, Sept. 15.”

The Branch Hill-Guinea Pike widening project will add a center turn lane and paved shoulders on Branch Hill-Guinea Pike, as well as a sidewalk along the east side of the road from Bridle Path Lane to Jer-Les Drive. Drainage improvements also will be made. In addition to the roadway work, improvements will be made at the intersection of Branch Hill-Guinea Pike and Cook Road/Weber Road, including upgraded traffic signals and the addition of designated turn lanes.

During this time, permissible traffic movements will be:

- Right turn only from Branch Hill-Guinea Pike to Cook Road
- Left turn only from Cook Road to Branch Hill-Guinea Pike

Access to the nearby Boyd E. Smith Elementary School will be open as usual from the south end of the project. Parents and staff will be able to access Jer-Les Drive from the south end of Branch Hill-Guinea Pike via SR 28.

Engineer Manger added that crews are moving as quickly as possible to complete work to support the long-term safety of the community and reiterated that the work on Branch Hill-Guinea Pike has multiple components that will improve safety and travel in the area. “A new center turn lane will support smoother travel and help to reduce potential accidents by separating turning traffic from through traffic,” said Manger. “The addition of a new sidewalk will provide safer pedestrian access in the area, and drainage improvements will enhance stormwater management along the road and in the surrounding subdivisions.”

About the Clermont County Transportation Improvement District

The Clermont County Transportation Improvement District (CCTID) works across geographic and political lines to improve the quality of life for Clermont County residents by stimulating economic development through regional transportation improvements. The five-member board is made up of representatives from the Clermont County Engineer's Office, Clermont County, Miami and Union townships and private industry.

The CCTID is actively managing nearly two dozen roadway improvements that will increase safety, support better traffic flow through the area and provide the infrastructure for continued economic development throughout the county. More information about the CCTID and its project work can be found online at GoClermont.org.

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