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**CLERMONT COUNTY ENGINEER ANNOUNCES BRANCH HILL-GUINEA PIKE IMPROVEMENTS
AND RELATED ROAD CLOSURES**
Safety and access improvements will support the new Boyd E. Smith Elementary School

Batavia, Ohio – The Clermont County Engineer's Office today announced safety and access improvements that will take place along Branch Hill-Guinea Pike from Bridle Path Lane to Jer-Les Drive, as well as the related traffic impacts during the course of the project.

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 designated turn lanes.

The project will be completed in three phases:

- Phase 1 is expected to last approximately five weeks, from June 4 through July 9. During Phase 1, work will take place on the northern end of Branch Hill-Guinea Pike and Cook Road.
- Phase 2 is expected to last approximately five weeks, from July 9 through Aug. 15. During Phase 2, work will take place on the southern end of Branch Hill-Guinea Pike and Weber Road.

During both phases, a detour will be put into place for through traffic. Access within the project area will be maintained for local property owners only.

- The final phase of work will take place from Aug. 15 through the fall but will not result in full-time road closures. All roads will be reopened to through traffic with only minor temporary closures taking place as crews complete the final pieces of the project.

Clermont County Engineer Pat Manger said 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."

Miami Township Administrator Jeff Wright highlighted the project team that is working together to support the improvements saying, "The Branch Hill-Guinea Pike widening project is being completed in partnership with Miami

Township, Milford Schools and the Clermont County Transportation Improvement District to improve access to Boyd E. Smith Elementary School and support safer travel along Branch Hill-Guinea Pike. The safety of our local students and their families is one of our highest priorities, and the township is pleased to work with the school district and the county to ensure we continue to provide better connections and service to our residents.”

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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