



City of Columbus
Mayor Michael B. Coleman

Department of Public Service

Mark Kelsey, Director

December 9, 2011

Eric Hensley
Project Manager
Columbus Regional Airport Authority
4600 International Gateway
Columbus, OH 43219

**Re: PIC/FRA-Alum Creek Drive Extension/Rickenbacker Parkway-Phase 2B
PID Number 86555**

Dear Mr. Hensley:

It is my understanding that as a condition of providing federal funds to the Columbus Regional Airport Authority (CRAA) for the above referenced project, the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) has requested that the CRAA obtain concurrence by the City of Columbus (City) that the CRAA will acquire real property for public right-of-way purposes within the City's corporate limits. This will include, if necessary, the use of CRAA's powers of eminent domain under Ohio Revised Code Chapter 4582. Furthermore, I am aware that subsequent to these acquisitions, the CRAA intends to transfer such property to the City for acceptance and dedication as public streets within the City.

Consistent with the previous discussions between the CRAA and members of the City's Department of Public Service regarding this project, I have no objection to the CRAA acquiring right-of-way in its name within the Columbus corporate limits, nor do I object to the use of its eminent domain power for those acquisitions set forth in the approved plans for right-of-way acquisition. With respect to the acceptance of any transfer to the City of right-of-way and dedication as a Columbus public street, it should be understood that such transfer shall be at no cost to the City. Further, such acceptance shall require approval by the Columbus City Council. Upon passage of the relevant legislation by City Council, maintenance of such right-of-way shall fall under the City's statutory obligation to maintain public right-of-way under Revised Code §723.01.

I further understand that upon the completion of the project, portions of the existing right-of-way will no longer be used for roadway purposes. Such "excess" right-of-way will be evaluated and processed under the established City procedures for disposing of excess right-of-way.

If you have any further questions, please contact Doug Roberts at 645-3973.

Sincerely,

Mark Kelsey
Director

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