

## **Hilliard Rome Road Westchester Wood Boulevard to Roberts Road**

**Description:** The City of Columbus, Public Service Department, Transportation Division is engaged in the Hilliard-Rome Road Improvement project. The City of Columbus portion is a widening of Hilliard-Rome Road from Westchester Wood Boulevard to just south of Roberts Road. The project length is approximately 1.19 miles. The construction includes the addition of three (3) new traffic lanes, sidewalks, tree lawns, bike lanes and utility relocation. Successful completion of this project requires that the City acquire fee simple title and lesser interests in and to various properties located along the project corridor and that the City participate in the relocation of various utilities.

**Project Benefits:** With the increase of residential and commercial development the widening of Hilliard-Rome Road was deemed necessary in order to decrease traffic congestion and provide pedestrians a safe place to walk, shop and live.

**Project Cost:** The project is funded as follows: 80% Federal funds and 20% Local funds. The estimated right-of-way costs are \$1,250,000. Total project cost, including design, engineering, land acquisition, utility relocation and construction, are estimated to be \$13,448,875.00. The original contract amount was \$438,862.00 in October 1998. The total of all modifications are \$358,574.00. The contract amount, including all modifications is \$797,436.00

<b>Schedule:</b>	Acquisition of Right-of-Way Start:	June 5, 2007
	Stage III Submission:	February 1, 2008
	Final Tracings (Roadway):	December 24, 2008
	Final Tracings (R.O.W.):	September 5, 2008
	*Construction Start:	June 5, 2010
	Construction End:	June 5, 2012

\* Due to the availability of federal funding, time required for Right-Of-Way acquisition and utility relocation, a delay is reflected between signed plans and the start of construction.

**Status:** Due to the length of time that passed from initial start of design and changes in Ohio Department of Transportation standards, numerous items and field survey had to be updated before a stage II submission could be completed. This work required a modification in the amount of (\$303,734.00); this modification allowed wage rate changes to reflect the wages currently paid by the consultant for the specific disciplines needed to do the work. Currently a modification request from the consultant in the amount of (\$54,840.00) has been submitted, and broken down as follows: to pay the consultant for attendance at seven additional project meetings, preparation of exhibits for public meeting, design of a third drainage outlet, additional survey required to incorporate construction from Nike Drive Improvement which was not part of the original contract, update right of plans and legal descriptions created by right-of-way acquisition, (\$31,022.00); edit field survey based on future conditions (\$8,818.00); plan revisions due to construction as-builts (\$5,000.00) and contingency amount totaling (\$10,000.00).

