



## **Parsons and Livingston Avenue Improvement/Franklin County**



**Project Name:** Parsons/Livingston Avenue Improvement and Streetscape (6388)

**Community:** Franklin County, City of Columbus

**Project Description:** Parsons Avenue and Livingston Avenue surround the campus of Nationwide Children's Hospital in Columbus. This project widens Livingston Avenue between Ohio Avenue and Ninth Street and Parsons Avenue between Kennedy Street and Jackson Street including wider sidewalks, new turn lanes, traffic signals and street lighting and dedicated bicycle lanes. The result: a Parsons Avenue Gateway that provides a safer environment for motorists and pedestrians along with enhanced access to Nationwide Children's Hospital.

**Project Sponsor:** City of Columbus, Department of Public Service

**Community Economic Distress Factors:** The Franklin County unemployment rate is 7.2% which is below the statewide unemployment rate of 9.7%. The average yearly household income in Franklin County is \$42,734.

**Economic Development Potential:** Nationwide Children's Hospital, located in Columbus, is considered one of the country's best pediatrics hospitals. A new \$740 million pediatric care and research facility project includes an expansion of the main hospital, opening in 2012, which will create the second largest pediatric hospital and research center in the United States. Nearly one million square feet of clinical and research space will be added, expanding the research capabilities of the hospital's nationally-recognized programs in heart, cancer, GI, neonatology and research. The hospital is also building a new, 50,000 environmentally friendly, "green" Central Energy Plant to power the expanding campus, providing heating, cooling, electricity and back-up generators to the entire campus.

**Multi-modal Connectivity/Innovation Factor:** The project includes dedicated bicycle lanes and wider sidewalks for improved shared movement. These sidewalks, including upgraded wheelchair ramps, provide a safe route for pedestrians travelling from the surrounding neighborhood to the Central Ohio Transit Authority (COTA) bus routes along the gateway.

**Work to Begin:** 181 days

**Estimated Completion:** June 2012

**Stimulus Investment:** \$24,907,926

**Total Project Cost:** \$24,907,926