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2                   P R O C E E D I N G S  
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4                   MR. GROSS: Well, I guess we'll go  
5 ahead and get started here. I think this is --  
6 this may be all we're going to have. It's  
7 looking that way so far.

8                   I'm Dirk Gross. I'm the project  
9 manager for the Hilliard-Rome Interchange  
10 Project. Today at this prelim meeting we're  
11 going to have a court reporter here. So it's  
12 important that everybody signs in. I think  
13 everybody -- looked like everybody did, but I  
14 need everyone to sign in. And when you speak or  
15 raise any questions or anything, give your name  
16 when you start so the reporter can make a note  
17 of who is talking when. And with that, I guess  
18 we'll get started here.

19                   Project goals. This is a ramp clear  
20 project. The ramp clear projects are supposed  
21 to -- or are intended to be low-cost fixes for  
22 interchanges to get rid of backups on the main  
23 lines. And that's what this project is. It  
24 ended up being not as low cost as some others,

1 but that's generally the intent.

2 In this case what we found to help --  
3 help the situation was we needed to realign the  
4 ramps, signalize the ramps, the westbound and  
5 northbound, in particular, because there's  
6 weaving going on on Hilliard-Rome Road, and also  
7 add a third lane through the Renner Road  
8 intersection, north and south. The intersection  
9 ended up being a bottleneck that's backing down  
10 onto the ramps.

11 So here's a map of what the project --  
12 just a general overview of the project, is to  
13 realign -- well, realign this ramp to an  
14 intersection point. Right now it's a free-flow  
15 condition. It goes up to Renner Road, and  
16 there's weaving that happens in this area here  
17 from traffic that comes westbound on 70 to turn  
18 left onto Renner.

19 And so what we're going to do is  
20 signalize this as a two-phase intersection, and  
21 that allows the traffic to go independently of  
22 each other. They don't have to compete with  
23 each other for that left turn.

24 Also we're getting rid of the weave

1 down here by realigning the loop ramp up to the  
2 same signalized intersection. We're adding the  
3 lanes up to this intersection, which is -- we've  
4 referred to it in two ways; it's the Meijer-  
5 Wal-Mart intersection, or actually I think it's  
6 Westchester -- it's not Westchester.  
7 Westchester Boulevard is the one up here. I  
8 forget. Something -- West Pointe Plaza. On the  
9 maps it shows up as West Pointe Plaza Drive on  
10 this side.

11           So the add lane is northbound goes up  
12 to this intersection as a drop right turn lane.  
13 It starts at some point south of the  
14 intersection and continues on down and  
15 eventually ties into what is currently the  
16 auxiliary lane between these two loop ramps.

17           And this section up here is just  
18 intended to resurface to match up to the  
19 pavement that's north of there that we --  
20 Hilliard-Rome project that was built previously  
21 started here and went up through Roberts Road.  
22 So this will at least give a consistent pavement  
23 surface throughout the area. And this area  
24 we'll be re -- resurfacing what we don't do as

1 an add lane.

2           So right now there's existing plans  
3 that have been put on the FTP site for adjacent  
4 projects. There was a bridge project on I-70, a  
5 rehab from the last few years. There was a --  
6 the Hilliard-Rome project that I just mentioned  
7 that started north of Westchester, and there was  
8 also some old plans from city of Columbus for  
9 Renner Road work that had been done quite awhile  
10 back, but that's all the plans we have on file  
11 for this general area.

12           This is the prebid meeting. They'll  
13 be a transcript. They'll be posted on the  
14 contracts website. There's the web form here  
15 for contracts where questions can be posted, and  
16 there's going to be an addendum coming up, and  
17 we'll get to that later on.

18           We have prequals. I think that's  
19 pretty standard, standard process.

20           The roadway design, traffic signal  
21 design, highway lighting design, those are  
22 specified in the scope.

23           Scope of the work, as I just  
24 mentioned, realignment of the westbound exit

1 ramp to northbound Hilliard-Rome Road; widening  
2 the westbound exit ramp to northbound  
3 Hilliard-Rome Road from one to three lanes;  
4 realignment of the westbound exit ramp to  
5 southbound. That's the loop ramp that we talked  
6 about squaring up at the intersection.

7           It's also going to have -- be widened  
8 from one to two lanes per the storage. Also  
9 going to install the traffic signal with the  
10 ramp intersection, modified signals at the other  
11 two intersections at Renner Road and the  
12 Meijer-Wal-Mart.

13           And the alignment of Hilliard-Rome  
14 Road is intended to not have any right-of-way  
15 impacts at all. The intent is to have no  
16 right-of-way on this project.

17           The widening will be full-depth  
18 asphalt, including the shoulders, and also there  
19 will be resurfacing for the rest of the roadway  
20 itself, too, which is mentioned through here.  
21 And we've specified the limits of the  
22 resurfacing.

23           There's going to be a buildable unit  
24 one. Buildable unit one is intended to be

1 completed by July 22nd. That's because we want  
2 to have this in operation when the Roberts Road  
3 project initiates.

4 And buildable unit one is taking this  
5 ramp from the one to three lanes and creating  
6 signalized intersection at this point. And that  
7 can be done with temporary-type pavement. It  
8 can also have, as far as the signals, can have  
9 wooden poles, things like that, more of a  
10 temporary-type condition, but it's intended to  
11 be operated this way through the fall, through  
12 November.

13 There's disincentives on that, 5,000 a  
14 day that goes beyond the July 22nd. There's no  
15 disincentives on the subsequent project which  
16 just in the sketch here shows the rest of the  
17 work. And that's, again, the -- that's this  
18 ramp, and the realignment of this, the added  
19 lanes up to here and the resurfacing beyond.

20 MR. SLACK: Dirk, question.

21 MR. GROSS: Yes.

22 MR. SLACK: Thom Slack, ODOT. The  
23 completion date on your slide, is that the  
24 correct year?



1                   MR. GROSS: Ah, 2014. Missed that.  
2                   Yeah, that's -- give everybody a little heart  
3                   attack there.

4                   Type C field office, basically for use  
5                   after buildable unit one. We're not really  
6                   looking at that to be used for buildable unit  
7                   one. We anticipate buildable unit one to be put  
8                   in place, and then we anticipate that there will  
9                   be all the design work for the rest of the  
10                  project that would happen after that.

11                  Section 8 of the scope includes  
12                  regulations.

13                  Primary works, lump sum.

14                  There's miscellaneous items.

15                  The final of the original project,  
16                  we'll need all the original project files and  
17                  the drawing plans, directed drawing plans, the  
18                  TIFFs, the CAD files.

19                  That's my contact information. You  
20                  probably already have that now. It's in the  
21                  scope.

22                  And, Jim Block, are you going to  
23                  become the design -- or project -- but you're  
24                  going to be the project engineer for this?

1 MR. BLOCK: Yes.

2 (Inaudible conversation)

3 MR. GROSS: Maybe I'll just act out  
4 the rest of the PowerPoint.

5 Permits are contractors'  
6 responsibility.

7 Entering on private property, either  
8 be proper notification for the standard things.

9 Controlling contaminated soil.  
10 There's three properties the environmental came  
11 back with; 5660 Trabue, 1520 Hilliard-Rome Road,  
12 and 1499 Hilliard-Rome Road.

13 C, the C level four categorical  
14 exclusion has been approved. It's not on the --  
15 it's not on the attachment site yet.

16 The -- there's waterway permits 404,  
17 401. Those are not -- those have not been  
18 submitted. That will have to be submitted  
19 before any work happens. And then there's two  
20 ditches, basically, that are going to be covered  
21 by that. We don't anticipate any impacts to  
22 those ditches for the buildable unit one, but  
23 there most likely will be for the subsequent  
24 work. So they'll have to be permits to be

1 submitted for that before the ditches can be  
2 affected.

3 Let's see, the ESA has information for  
4 the controlling contaminated soil at the Shell  
5 Station.

6 There's drinking water wells. So  
7 there's going to be some restrictions in three  
8 locations; the Shell Gasoline Station, the St.  
9 James Lutheran Church, and Perkins restaurant.

10 Public involvement, ODOT is  
11 coordinating public involvement.

12 Right-of-way. Again, the intent of  
13 the project is to stay within right-of-way.  
14 There's no right-of-way permanent, temporary,  
15 that's -- that will be accepted on the project.  
16 It's all right-of-way avoidance.

17 There's utilities, several utilities.  
18 There's a -- again, we should try and avoid any  
19 utility impacts as much as possible.

20 Design build team is responsible for  
21 utility coordination. There will be, however, a  
22 meeting, preliminary review with the design  
23 build team, district utility coordinator, and  
24 the utility owners to discuss any of the

1 impacts.

2           There's been a sue level B already  
3 done, and that's on the attachments for the  
4 project.

5           MOT, the intent is to minimize the  
6 duration of impacts to the -- to the traffic on  
7 Hilliard-Rome.

8           The restrictions on Hilliard-Rome is  
9 to maintain two lanes in each direction except  
10 for certain hours that were -- that weren't  
11 listed in the scope; 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., 7 p.m. to  
12 5 a.m.. Those times there can go down to one  
13 lane; however, we have a restriction that there  
14 will be no -- or actually there's no lane  
15 restrictions that will be permitted from  
16 July 29, 2013, to November 1st, 2013. Again,  
17 that gets back to the Roberts Road project. We  
18 want to make sure that -- and that's in the  
19 northbound Hilliard-Rome Road for those dates.  
20 That's so that we don't impact any of the  
21 traffic that may be diverting from Roberts Road.  
22 So -- but the other times, the normal hours will  
23 apply, other than those dates, for northbound  
24 Hilliard-Rome Road.

1           Driveway access to be maintained at  
2 all times.

3           No lane closures on I-70.

4           Main line and all the ramps are to  
5 remain open at all times.

6           There's some information about the  
7 means of traffic plan, if there's changes,  
8 notification is seven calendar days prior to  
9 construction buildable unit one; 14 days to  
10 other -- other periods.

11           There be law enforcement officers, and  
12 it's described in the scope on the use of those.

13           Notification coordination or -- can't  
14 read it from there, but we have contact  
15 information for all the MOT, and Duane back  
16 there is our district contact.

17           Survey. There's an Attachment C-2  
18 that gives information, that's vertical and  
19 horizontal alignment. Attachment C-2 gives a  
20 written description of the work that I pointed  
21 out earlier. There's also -- and that's the  
22 contractual information. There's also a visual,  
23 visual attachment R-1, and that's intended just  
24 to be a reference document. It basically shows

1 the lane -- the lane configuration and layout,  
2 but it's not necessarily the alignment that we'd  
3 be using.

4 For instance, that diagram does show  
5 right-of-way with extended work on driveways,  
6 and it shows some realignment of Hilliard-Rome  
7 north of Renner Road, which we don't anticipate  
8 being part of the project, but the lane  
9 configuration there is generally what we're --  
10 what we're trying to capture. But, again, the  
11 written description is -- is the contractual  
12 information.

13 Pavement of the ramps are going to be  
14 concrete. And Hilliard-Rome Road is going to be  
15 asphalt. And we have an attachment that shows  
16 where the -- how the transition should happen  
17 from the ramp to -- on the slip ramp northbound  
18 ramp shows a diagram of the transition from the  
19 concrete to the asphalt. Again, all the  
20 asphalt, the widening be -- shoulders be full  
21 depth.

22 Normal information on subgrade  
23 stabilization. There's nothing really unique  
24 about that information.

1            Drainage. We're going to retain all  
2            the existing drainage patterns, all the ditches.  
3            The -- all catch basins, inlets, manholes be  
4            raised, adjusted to accommodate the resurfacing.  
5            Drainage conduits not in conflict with any of  
6            the new construction can be retained. Again,  
7            we're trying to keep the costs down, minimize  
8            the costs on this.

9            Be no design exceptions.

10           The interchange modification study is  
11           completed. ODOT has already done that;  
12           submitted it. It's been approved. That's  
13           Attachment R-7.

14           Pavement markings, just some  
15           information about the epoxy and  
16           thermoplastic-type markings and where they're to  
17           be used.

18           The flat sheet signs. All the  
19           signing, flat sheet and extru sheet, they're all  
20           the signs to be replaced with new.

21           There's some coordination of Ohio  
22           logos. There's the logo sign that is in the  
23           area of the ramp widening that will most likely  
24           be affected, so have to be coordination done

1 with them.

2           The ground-mounted posts. There  
3 are -- there's some information that's -- we're  
4 still working with city of Columbus on. The  
5 city of Columbus has specific requirements for  
6 the color of the sign posts and signal poles.  
7 They have -- we have the color code on there,  
8 but essentially they want a brown color that  
9 matches the color of Hilliard-Rome Road to the  
10 north. So they want all the sign posts and all  
11 the signal poles to match that same color. So  
12 we'll have all that information put out there  
13 pretty soon.

14           All the beam supports, all the  
15 ground-mounted beam supports be replaced.

16           Overhead supports. There's one that's  
17 to be relocated. If I recall, I think it's  
18 the -- the highway sign at the -- near the loop  
19 ramp in the southbound direction. It's on  
20 there, have to be relocated for the widening.

21           The lighting on the ramps. We believe  
22 there's about three signal poles, one  
23 combination pole on Hilliard-Rome, and a power  
24 supply that will all be affected.



1           Traffic signals, it's all city of  
2 Columbus specifications. All the signals are --  
3 at least on Hilliard-Rome Road, all those  
4 signals are city of Columbus. They're --  
5 they're all going to be tethered with span  
6 wires. We'll be using optically-programed  
7 signals at the southbound ramp intersection with  
8 the northbound ramp due to that very tight  
9 angle, how that ramp would be coming on with the  
10 signalization. There's a very small angle  
11 between those two, so we'll have to use an  
12 optically-programmed signal at that point. We  
13 don't necessarily have to have that for the  
14 other approaches, but that northbound ramp, the  
15 northbound Hilliard-Rome Road need to be  
16 optically-programmed signal heads.

17           Pole box conduit cable wire. All  
18 those things, those will all be Columbus -- city  
19 of Columbus specs.

20           Right now they have econolite  
21 controllers on a closed-loop system that goes  
22 from Feder Road to Roberts Road. And the --  
23 we're looking to have this new signal  
24 coordinated in the system of those other

1 signals.

2           Let's see. They'll be a stage one  
3 plan of use submission. The submission, they'll  
4 be a seven-day -- seven-day turnaround for  
5 buildable unit one, and 21 calendar days for  
6 subsequent buildable units. That's the review  
7 times that have been set up for that, and it's  
8 the same for the stage two.

9           And the buildable units, buildable  
10 unit one, again, the completion date for that is  
11 anticipated -- or is set to be July 22nd. As  
12 far as any other buildable units, that's open  
13 for the design build team to establish one or  
14 more additional buildable units. We really  
15 haven't set that.

16           Have a list of attachments which if  
17 you have the scope, you already have that.  
18 There's three -- three things that are missing  
19 out of there. One is the Attachment C-3, which  
20 is the -- the nationwide permit. That  
21 information is included in Section 10-1, and  
22 that's part of what we'll have in the amendment.  
23 So there won't be an Attachment C-3 because,  
24 again, that information is already there.

1           There's also the Attachment C-5, the  
2 city of Columbus specs, which we just got about  
3 a week or so ago, and we're still kind of  
4 working our way through that. The problem is  
5 the city of Columbus, as some of you may be  
6 aware, doesn't really have a spec book. So they  
7 use a lot of, you know, list of plan notes and  
8 things like that. So we have a lot of  
9 information from them, and so we'll post that as  
10 soon as we get all that put together.

11           And we're also missing -- let me see  
12 here -- Attachment R-3. Attachment R-3, the  
13 categorical exclusions. We have that, but it's  
14 just not posted.

15           The Addendum A, there will be a couple  
16 of changes, this is pending.

17           We'll have some revisions to  
18 Attachment C-2. There's going to be a change  
19 somewhat in the description of the southbound  
20 lane. It's not really going to change what the  
21 intent is. It's just trying to tighten up the  
22 language, the contractual language of what the  
23 lane is expected -- where it's expected to  
24 start.

1           There's a few changes to the scope.  
2           There's -- in Section 6 there's a minor change  
3           to the project description. And again, you  
4           don't have this. We'll be posting all of this  
5           soon.

6           Section 14-4 in the roadway section.  
7           We'll be adding some information on the design  
8           vehicle to be used, and it's going to be WB-62  
9           for generally the public roads and single unit  
10          truck for drive aways.

11          Section 14-6 we're tightening up the  
12          language on the design exception. Basically no  
13          design exceptions.

14          And Section 17-1, there's various  
15          information on plain components not required.  
16          It's just being removed.

17          The dates, sale dates in LS is April  
18          25th, award is May 6th, and completion date for  
19          the entire project is October 15 of 2014.

20          And -- so right now if there's any  
21          questions about any of this, I'm open to any  
22          questions that you may have.

23                 MR. DOWNEY-ROBINSON: Rick  
24                 Downey-Robinson.

1 MR. GROSS: Yes.

2 MR. DOWNEY-ROBINSON: Is it -- is it  
3 going to be 2010 or 2013, CMS?

4 MR. GROSS: It's 2010.

5 MR. WARDELL: Whit Wardell, Complete  
6 General. Buildable unit one, under slide it  
7 looked like you basically just had the ramp work  
8 for the northbound?

9 MR. GROSS: Yes.

10 MR. WARDELL: There's also in the  
11 scope the last bullet that says all embankment,  
12 pavement and safety items for both ramps, just  
13 says westbound exit ramp, so you don't care  
14 about the southbound right now or not?

15 THE REPORTER: Name, sir?

16 MR. GROSS: Yeah, it's just the  
17 northbound ramp.

18 MR. WARDELL: Okay.

19 MR. SLACK: Whit Wardell. Whit  
20 Wardell, Complete General.

21 THE REPORTER: Okay.

22 MR. GROSS: Anything else? You all  
23 have time to look it over?

24 (No comments.)

1                   MR. GROSS:  Everybody good?  All  
2   right.

3                   (No comments.)

4                   MR. GROSS:  I'll wrap up.

5                   If there's any other questions, there  
6   was the a link on there -- I can go back to it  
7   if you need it -- but there the -- on the  
8   contract, you can post any questions on there.  
9   So if there's anything else -- or you can give  
10  me a call.  My contact information is there.  
11  You have my contact information in the scope,  
12  so -- all right.

13                  Well, with that I guess we'll conclude  
14  the meeting.

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16                  Thereupon, the proceedings were  
17   concluded at 9:33 o'clock a.m.

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