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**CENTRAL VIADUCT BRIDGE SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDS
SINGLE TOWER CABLE STAY
FOR NEW BRIDGE TO SPAN CUYAHOGA RIVER VALLEY**

OCTOBER 5, 2006, CLEVELAND, OHIO...The Central Viaduct Bridge Subcommittee recommended a bridge type to the Ohio Department of Transportation today.

The subcommittee reached consensus and recommended that the Single Tower Cable Stay be the bridge type built when construction starts on the new I-90 westbound bridge structure that will be built as part of the reconstruction of the Cleveland Innerbelt, starting in state fiscal year 2010.

The subcommittee was asked several months ago to participate in the bridge type selection process and to ultimately recommend a bridge type to ODOT for the new I-90 westbound bridge structure. ODOT will now review the recommendation, along with the expected Bridge Type Study report from the consultant, Michael Baker Jr., Inc., and is expected to make the final bridge type selection in December 2006.

Public comments on the bridge type selection that are received by ODOT by October 20 will be considered as part of the Bridge Type Study report that the consultant will submit to ODOT in November. Public comments received after Oct. 20 will be addressed as part of the overall environmental document for the Cleveland Innerbelt that ODOT will submit to FHWA in the Spring of 2007.

The subcommittee also recommended the adoption of design guidelines to be used throughout the bridge design process. The subcommittee will continue to advise ODOT throughout the design process for the bridge.

The Central Viaduct Bridge Subcommittee is a subset of the Cleveland Urban Core Projects Advisory Committee, the committee convened by ODOT to provide recommendations to the transportation decision makers including ODOT, the City of Cleveland, NOACA and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) in relation to projects resulting from the Cleveland Innerbelt Plan.

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