The 2020 spring construction season is moving forward as planned along the new boulevard. Work is taking place at the intersections of E. 75th St., Buckeye Rd., E. 79th St., and Woodland Rd. as well as construction of the boulevard between these intersections.

Traffic is being routed around the Opportunity Corridor new roadway construction on several local roads. In late-April, Buckeye Rd. was reduced to a single lane of westbound traffic only between Woodland Ave. and E. 89th St. through approximately late-July 2020.

To minimize impact to the traveling public and the community, construction activities will be completed by sections, reducing congestion, improving safety and to better connect local neighborhoods.

The pedestrian bridges at E. 59th St. and E. 89th St. are under construction along with sewer and embankment work at the site of the new bridges over Kingsbury Run. Crews continue to make progress at the E. 55th St. bridge and the bridge over the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority (GCRTA) Blue and Green lines.

The project will ultimately build approximately two miles of a new four lane divided boulevard beginning at the existing termination of I-490 into E. 55th St. and will include four roadway bridges, one railroad bridge, two pedestrian bridges, six signalized intersections, new major storm and sanitary sewers, new water mains, signing/lighting/sidewalks for pedestrian access, and a multi-use path.

Stay tuned for updates in future editions of the newsletter.
Inspired by a family of bricklayers, Ralph Spencer is determined to complete his four-year union apprenticeship and become a journeymen operator in 2021. Ralph is currently an apprentice operator with Local Union #18 working on the Opportunity Corridor (OC3) project. He was born in Cleveland, but spent the first half of his childhood in North Carolina before returning to northeast Ohio and graduating from Bedford High School.

Ralph started his construction career as a carpenter learning from a master builder known as Quinton Durham. Within seven years, he excelled practically in every phase of residential construction, absorbing all the knowledge and experience he could. “I was eager to move on to the world of operating heavy construction equipment, and challenging myself to take my capabilities to the next level,” Ralph said. He is the proud father of two daughters and his top priority is providing the best for his family’s future and security.

Growing Food, Creating Jobs, and Building Healthy, Green Neighborhoods

Rid-All Urban Farm is working with local Veterans, students and volunteers to learn more about growing food and how to get in touch with the soil and land. During these challenging times, volunteers are also assisting with Rid-All’s produce food giveaways in the community.

“The Rid-All Farm will remain open during this challenging season providing access to locally grown food, preventative health tips, gardening supplies and technical support to start your own garden and grow your own food. Let Thy Food be Thy Medicine,” said Rid-All co-founder Keymah Durden.

For Upcoming Workshops and Produce Giveaways Visit:
www.greennghetto.org
On the Road to Meeting Our Goals - OC Section 3

The Ohio Department of Transportation’s (ODOT) unprecedented outreach efforts and goals on previous sections of the Opportunity Corridor project have laid the groundwork for Section 3 to enjoy success in diversity and inclusion goals. The project goals for new, local, small and EDGE business certified subcontractors is 20% of the total contract. The Kokosing Design-Build Team is more than half way to this goal with plans to exceed it! At the start of the project, the team committed to 29.81% of the total contract value would go to new, small, local and EDGE businesses.

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Webinar Series...Operating Your Business In Changing Times

Join the Opportunity Corridor Section 3 Project (OC3) for a series of special business strategy webinars designed to help grow and expand your business. The FREE Webinars are presented by the Kokosing Design-Build team with Wyatt Brownlee, the Diversity and Inclusion Outreach Consultant for OC3.

- Ohio Bureau of Compensation (BWC) Safety Training
- Digital Marketing

For Upcoming Webinars Visit:
OpportunityCorridor.Transportation.Ohio.gov
Subcontractor Profile

Meet **Tina Rice, President of T Rice Communications, LLC** and Public Information Consultant for the Kokosing Design-Build Team for the Opportunity Corridor Section 3 Project (OC3).

T Rice is fulfilling the contractual goal as a small business. T Rice’s role is the development and execution of an effective organizational public information plan along with creating comprehensive strategies and communications to inform and engage the community and stakeholders. T Rice Communications is a certified Minority Business and Female Enterprise (MBE/FBE) with the city of Cleveland, state of Ohio EDGE/Minority Business Enterprise (MBE), and Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) DBE.

Tina Rice has over 30 years of marketing, advertising, media and community outreach experience. Tina her career with TDI Displays where she was responsible for advertising space sells at Cleveland Hopkins Airport. Tina’s corporate advertising background includes advertising space sells on billboards, transit and commuter rail systems, and broadcast radio. Tina is responsible for the placement of the first “Fully-Illustrated” Bus on the streets of Cleveland for the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority (GCRTA).

After a successful career with national media companies, such as Viacom Outdoor, CBS Outdoor, Gateway Outdoor, and Radio One, she followed her entrepreneurial spirit and started T Rice Communications in 2008.

Tina is committed to connecting small, and minority businesses with corporate partners to decrease the economic disparities in the business community. Tina has fond memories of visiting her grandparents at their home on E. 89th St. and Quincy Ave. and playing next door at the Karamu House playground. “I am excited to witness this extraordinary transformation taking place and to be a part of it is priceless. I get to share this with my new grandson when he gets older,” said Tina.