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MRW-71-12.19

PID# 86916

## Project Description and History

- The pavement on Interstate 71 in northern Delaware county and Morrow county was built in the 1950's. The pavement has reached the end of its serviceable life and is in need of complete reconstruction. Three projects have been initiated by ODOT District 6 to perform the required reconstruction. ODOT's Major Rehab program has committed a total of \$154 million in funding to the three reconstruction projects currently scheduled 2011, 2014 and 2016.
- This section of pavement is the only section of the I-71 corridor between Columbus and Cleveland that carries two lanes of traffic in each direction. All other sections of the corridor carry three lanes in each direction.
- As part of the maintenance of traffic analysis for this project, it was determined for an incremental additional cost (approx. \$7 million) the extra lane of temporary pavement required to maintain traffic during construction could be strengthened and remain permanently. This would provide three permanent lanes of traffic in each direction and match the other sections of the I-71 corridor.
- ODOT's Major Rehab Program is willing to fund the additional cost to make the third lane of pavement permanent.
- The first reconstruction project (MRW-71-12.19 PID#86916), which runs from SR 95 to the Richland County line, is advancing as a design-build contract in order to expedite reconstruction of the worst sections of pavement. This project can be ready to file for sale with ODOT Central Office by mid-December 2010.

## Request

- District 6 requests FAST TRAC status for the first reconstruction project (MRW-71.12.19 PID# 86916) from SR 95 to Richland County, so that this project can advance to construction beginning in June 2011.

