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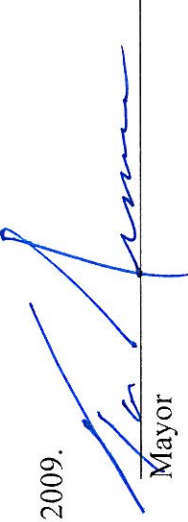
**AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENT  
#23031 WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR  
THE PURPOSE OF CONSTRUCTING OF THE BETHANY ROAD  
WIDENING**

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Mason, Ohio, six members elected thereto concurring:

Section 1. That the City Manager is hereby authorized to enter into a LPA Federal Local-Let Project Agreement for the widening of Bethany Road from State Route 741 to Mason Sports Park, as set forth in Exhibit "A" attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

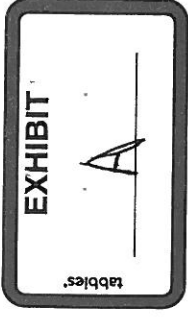
Section 2. That this Ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Passed this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of November 2009.

  
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Mayor

Attest:

  
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Clerk of Council



**WAR-MASON BETHANY ROAD WIDENING**  
COUNTY-ROUTE-SECTION  
**85184**  
PID NUMBER  
**23031**  
AGREEMENT NUMBER

CFDA 20.205

## LPA FEDERAL LOCAL-LET PROJECT AGREEMENT

**THIS AGREEMENT** is made by and between the State of Ohio, Department of Transportation, hereinafter referred to as ODOT, 1980 West Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43223 and the City of **Mason**, hereinafter referred to as the LPA, **6000 Mason-Montgomery Road, Mason, Ohio 45040**.

### 1. PURPOSE

- 1.1 The National Transportation Act has made available certain Federal funding for use by local public agencies. The Federal Highway Administration (hereinafter referred to as FHWA) designated ODOT as the agency in Ohio to administer FHWA's Federal funding programs.
- 1.2 Section 5501.03 (C) of the Ohio Revised Code provides that ODOT may coordinate its activities and enter into contracts with other appropriate public authorities to administer the design, qualification of bidders, competitive bid letting, construction, inspection, and acceptance of any projects administered by ODOT, provided the administration of such projects is performed in accordance with all applicable Federal and State laws and regulations with oversight by ODOT.
- 1.3 The **Bethany Road Widening** (hereinafter referred to as the PROJECT) is a transportation activity eligible to receive Federal funding.
- 1.4 The purpose of this Agreement is to set forth requirements associated with the Federal funds available for the PROJECT and to establish the responsibilities for the local administration of the PROJECT.

### 2. LEGAL REFERENCES

- 2.1 This Agreement is authorized by the following statutes and/or policies, which are incorporated in their entirety:
  - a. Section 5501.03(C) of the Ohio Revised Code;
  - b. ODOT Policy No. 25-001(P), Development Process Policy for Locally-Administered Transportation Projects;
  - c. ODOT Locally Administered Transportation Projects, Manual of Procedures; and
  - d. National Transportation Act, Title 23, U.S.C.; 23 CFR 635.105.
- 2.2 The LPA shall comply with all applicable Federal and State laws, regulations, executive orders, and applicable ODOT manuals and guidelines. This obligation is in addition to compliance with any law, regulation, or executive order specifically referenced in this Agreement.

3. FUNDING

3.1 The total cost for the PROJECT is estimated to be **\$5,648,370** as set forth in Attachment 1. ODOT shall provide to the LPA **65 percent** of the eligible costs, up to a maximum of **\$3,671,440** in Federal funds. This maximum amount reflects the funding limit for the PROJECT set by the applicable Program Manager. Unless otherwise provided, funds through ODOT shall be applied only to the eligible costs associated with the actual construction of the transportation project improvements and construction engineering/inspection activities.

3.2 The LPA shall provide all other financial resources necessary to fully complete the PROJECT, including all cost overruns and contractor claims.

4. PROJECT DEVELOPMENT AND DESIGN

4.1 The LPA and ODOT agree that the LPA is qualified to administer this PROJECT and is in full compliance with all LPA participation requirements.

4.2 The LPA and ODOT agree that the LPA has received funding approval for the PROJECT from the applicable ODOT Program Manager having responsibility for monitoring such projects using the Federal funds involved.

4.3 The LPA shall design and construct the PROJECT in accordance with a recognized set of written design standards. The LPA shall make use of ODOT's Location and Design Manual (L&D), or the appropriate AASHTO publication. Even though the LPA may use its own standards, ODOT may require the LPA to use a design based on the L&D Manual for projects that contain a high crash rate or areas of crash concentrations. Where the LPA has adopted ODOT standards for the PROJECT, the LPA shall be responsible for ensuring that any ODOT standards used for the PROJECT are current and/or updated. The LPA shall be responsible for periodically contacting the ODOT District LPA Coordinator or through the following internet website for any changes or updates: [www.dot.state.oh.us/dtrc](http://www.dot.state.oh.us/dtrc).)

4.4 The LPA shall either designate an LPA employee, who is a registered professional engineer, to act as the PROJECT Design Engineer and serve as the LPA's principal representative for attending to PROJECT responsibilities, or engage the services of a pre-qualified ODOT consultant who has been chosen using a Qualification-Based Selection (QBS) process as required pursuant to Ohio Revised Code sections 153.65 through 153.71. The pre-qualified list is available on the ODOT web page at <http://www.dot.state.oh.us/CONTRACT>.)

4.5 If Federal funds are used for a phase of project development and the LPA executes an agreement with a consultant prior to the receipt of the "Authorization to Advertise" notification from ODOT, ODOT may terminate this Agreement and cease all Federal funding commitments.

4.6 ODOT reserves the right to move this PROJECT into a future sale year if the LPA does not adhere to the established PROJECT schedule, regardless of any funding commitments.

5. ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSIBILITIES

5.1 In the administration of this PROJECT, the LPA shall be responsible for conducting any required public involvement events, for preparing all required documents, reports and other supporting materials needed for addressing applicable environmental assessment, for clearance responsibilities for the PROJECT pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act and related regulations, including the requirements of the National Historic Preservation Act; and for securing all necessary permits.

- 5.2 If the LPA does not have the qualified staff to perform any or all of the respective environmental responsibilities, the LPA shall hire an ODOT Pre-qualified Consultant through a QBS process. The pre-qualified list is available on the ODOT web page at <http://www.dot.state.oh.us/CONTRACT>. If the LPA hires a pre-qualified consultant, the LPA shall be responsible for monitoring the consultant's activities and ensuring that the consultant is following all Federal and State laws, regulations, policies, and guidelines.
- 5.3 ODOT shall be responsible for the review of all environmental documents and reports, and shall complete all needed coordination activities with State and Federal regulatory agencies toward securing environmental clearance.
- 5.4 The LPA shall be responsible for assuring compliance with all commitments made as part of the PROJECT's environmental clearance and/or permit requirements.
- 5.5 The LPA shall require its consultant, selected to prepare a final environmental document pursuant to the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act, to execute a copy of a disclosure statement specifying that the consultant has no financial or other interest in the outcome of the PROJECT.
- 5.6 The LPA shall provide a letter indicating the proposed Best Management Practices (BMPs) to be utilized for post construction storm water management in accordance with the Ohio EPA National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Construction General Permit. If no BMPs are proposed, a letter stating concurrence is required from the Ohio EPA.
6. RIGHT OF WAY/ UTILITIES/ RAILROAD COORDINATION
- 6.1 All right-of-way acquisition activities shall be performed by the LPA in accordance with the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Act of 1970 (Public Law 91-646) as amended by 49 CFR Part 24 (hereinafter referred to as Uniform Act), any related Federal regulations issued by the FHWA, and State rules, policies and guidelines issued by ODOT.
- 6.2 If existing and newly-acquired right of way is required for this PROJECT, the LPA shall certify that the all right of way has been acquired in conformity with Federal and State laws, regulations, policies, and guidelines. As specified in ODOT's Real Estate Policy and Procedures Manual, Section 5202.01-II-(B), any LPA staff who perform any real estate functions shall be prequalified by the ODOT's Office of Real Estate. If the LPA does not have the qualified staff to perform any or all of the respective right of way functions, the LPA shall hire an ODOT Pre-qualified Consultant through a QBS process. The LPA shall not hire the same consultant to perform both the appraisal and appraisal review functions. Appraisal review shall be performed by an independent staff or fee reviewer and shall be hired directly by the LPA. Likewise, a consultant hired to perform right of way acquisition work can not also perform both the relocation and relocation review functions. Relocation review shall be performed by an independent staff or fee reviewer.
- 6.3 If the LPA hires a pre-qualified consultant, the LPA shall be responsible for monitoring the consultant's activities and ensuring that the consultant is following all Federal and State laws, regulations, policies, and guidelines.
- 6.4 All relocation assistance activities shall be performed by the LPA in conformity with Federal and State laws, including the Uniform Act, and any related Federal regulations issued by the FHWA, and State rules, policies and guidelines issued by ODOT. The LPA shall not hire a consultant to perform both the relocation and relocation review functions nor shall the LPA hire a sub-consultant for relocation and another sub-consultant for relocation review. Relocation review shall be performed by an independent staff or fee reviewer and shall be hired directly by the LPA.

- 6.5 The LPA shall provide the ODOT District Office with its certification that all right of way property rights necessary for the PROJECT are under the LPA's control, that all right of way has been cleared of encroachments, and that utility facilities have been appropriately relocated or accounted for so as not to interfere with PROJECT construction activities. ODOT shall make use of the LPA's Right of Way Certification, as well as evaluate the LPA's and/or consultant's performance of the PROJECT real estate activities under Titles II and III of the Uniform Act, and, as appropriate, certify compliance to the FHWA. The LPA shall be liable to repay to ODOT all of the Federal funds disbursed to it under this Agreement if the certification of the LPA is found to be in error or otherwise invalid.
- 6.6 In the administration of this PROJECT, the LPA agrees to follow all procedures described in the ODOT Utilities Manual and 23 CFR Part 645. When applicable, the LPA shall enter into a utility relocation agreement with each utility prior to the letting of construction. No reimbursable construction costs shall be incurred by the LPA prior to the receipt of the "Authorization to Advertise" notification from ODOT. If such costs are incurred, ODOT may terminate this Agreement and cease all Federal funding commitments.
- 6.7 The LPA shall submit all subsequent modifications to the design of the PROJECT and/or any disposal of property rights acquired as part of the PROJECT to ODOT and FHWA for approval.
- 6.8 The LPA shall be responsible for any necessary railroad coordination and agreements. The LPA shall comply with the provisions of Title 23 of the Code of Federal Regulations and applicable chapters of the Ohio Revised Code regarding all activities relating to Railroad-Highway projects.
7. ADVERTISING, SALE AND AWARD
- 7.1 The LPA shall not advertise for bids prior to the receipt of the "Authorization to Advertise" notification from ODOT. Should advertising or work commence prior to the receipt of the "Authorization to Advertise" notification, ODOT shall immediately terminate this Agreement and cease all Federal funding commitments.
- 7.2 Any use of sole source or proprietary bid items must be approved by the applicable ODOT district. All sole source or proprietary bid items should be brought to the attention of the LPA Coordinator as soon as possible so as not to cause a delay in the plan package submission process. Bid items for traffic signal and highway lighting projects must be in conformance with ODOT's Traffic Engineering Manual.
- 7.3 Once the LPA receives Federal authorization to advertise, the LPA may begin advertising activities. Advertisements shall be in accordance with local bidding requirements. Whenever local advertisement requirements differ from Federal advertisement requirements, the Federal requirements shall prevail. The PROJECT shall be advertised for three (3) consecutive weeks. The period between the first legal advertising date and the bid opening date shall be a minimum of twenty-one (21) calendar days. The LPA shall submit to ODOT, after issuance but prior to bid opening, any addendum issued during the advertisement period that change estimates or materials. ODOT shall approve such addendum for project eligibility prior to opening the bids. All addenda shall be distributed to all potential bidders prior to opening bids and selling the contracts.
- 7.4 The LPA shall incorporate ODOT's LPA Bid Template in its bid documents. The template includes Form FHWA-1273, Required Contract Provisions, a set of contract provisions and proposal notices that are required by regulations promulgated by the FHWA and other Federal agencies, which must be included in all contracts, as well as appropriate subcontracts and purchase orders.
- 7.5 In accordance with Executive Order 2002-13T, the LPA shall require the contractor to be enrolled in, and in good standing with, the Drug-Free Workplace Program (DFWP) or a similar program

approved by the Bureau of Workers' Compensation, and require the same of any of its subcontractors.

7.6 Only pre-qualified contractors are eligible to submit bids for this PROJECT. Pre-qualification status must be in force at the time of bidding, at the time of award, and through the life of the construction contract. For work types that ODOT does not pre-qualify, the LPA must still select a qualified contractor. Subcontractors are not subject to the pre-qualification requirement. The "prime" contractor must perform no less than 30 percent of the total original contract price. The 30 percent prime requirement does not apply to design-build contracts.

7.7 In accordance with Section 153.54, et. seq. of the Ohio Revised Code, the LPA shall require that the selected contractor provide a performance and payment bond in an amount at least equal to 100 percent of its contract price as security for the faithful performance of its contract. ODOT shall be named an obligee on any bond.

7.8 Before awarding a contract to the selected contractor, the LPA shall verify either that the contractor is not subject to a finding for recovery under R.C. 9.24, or that the contractor has taken the appropriate remedial steps required under R.C. 9.24, or that the contractor otherwise qualifies under the exceptions to this section. Findings for recovery can be viewed on the Auditor of State's website at <http://www.auditor.state.oh.us/WhatsNew/FFR/>. If the LPA fails to so verify, ODOT may immediately terminate this Agreement and release all federal funding commitments.

7.9 The LPA is prohibited from imposing any geographical hiring preference on any bidder in the LPA's bid documents or on any successful contractor in the LPA's award or contract for the construction of the PROJECT.

7.10 After analyzing all bids for completeness, accuracy, and responsiveness, the LPA shall approve the award of the contract in accordance with laws and policies governing the LPA. Within 45 days of that approval, the LPA shall submit to ODOT notification of the project award by submitting a bid tabulation, a copy of the ordinance or resolution, and direct payment information as required in Attachment 2 of this agreement, if applicable.

## 8. CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION

8.1 The LPA shall provide and maintain competent and adequate project management covering the supervision and inspection of the development and construction of the PROJECT. The LPA shall bear the responsibility of ensuring that construction conforms to the approved plans, surveys, profiles, cross sections and material specifications. If a consultant is used for engineering and/or inspection activities, the LPA must use a QBS process as required pursuant to ORC sections 153.65 through 153.71.

8.2 The LPA shall certify both the quantity and quality of material used, the quality of the work performed, and the amount of construction engineering cost, when applicable, incurred by the LPA for the eligible work on the PROJECT, as well as at the completion of construction. The LPA shall certify that the construction is in accordance with the approved plans, surveys, profiles, cross sections and material specifications or approved amendments thereto.

8.3 The Federal-aid Highway Program operates on a reimbursement basis. The LPA shall review and/or approve all invoices prior to payment and prior to requesting reimbursement from ODOT for work performed on the PROJECT. The LPA shall ensure the accuracy of any invoice in both amount and in relation to the progress made on the PROJECT. The LPA must submit to ODOT a written request for either current payment or reimbursement of the Federal/State share of the expenses involved, attaching copies of all source documentation associated with pending invoices or paid costs. To assure prompt payment, the measurement of quantities and the

recording for payment should be performed on a daily basis as the items of work are completed and accepted.

- 8.4 ODOT shall pay, or reimburse, the LPA or, at the request of the LPA and with concurrence of ODOT, pay directly to the LPA's construction contractor ("Contractor"), the eligible items of expense in accordance with the cost sharing provisions of this Agreement. If the LPA requests to have the Contractor paid directly, Attachment 2 to this Agreement shall be completed and submitted with the project bid tabulations and the Contractor shall be required to establish Electronic Funds Transfer with the State of Ohio. ODOT shall pay the Contractor or reimburse the LPA within thirty (30) days of receipt of the approved Contractor's invoice from the LPA.
- 8.5 The LPA shall notify ODOT of the filing of any mechanic's liens against the LPA's Contractor within three (3) business days of receipt of notice of lien. Failure to so notify ODOT or failure to process a mechanic's lien in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 1311 of the Ohio Revised Code may result in the termination of this Agreement. Upon the receipt of notice of a mechanic's lien, ODOT reserves the right to (1) withhold an amount of money equal to the amount of the lien that may be due and owing to either the LPA or the Contractor; (2) terminate direct payment to the affected Contractor; or (3) take both actions, until such time as the lien is resolved.

8.6 Payment or reimbursement to the LPA shall be submitted to:

**Eric Hansen, City Manager**  
**City of Mason**  
**6000 Mason-Montgomery Road**  
**Mason, OH 45040**

- 8.7 If, for any reason, the LPA contemplates suspending or terminating the contract of the Contractor, it shall first seek ODOT's written approval. Failure to timely notify ODOT of any contemplated suspension or termination, or failure to obtain written approval from ODOT prior to suspension or termination, may result in ODOT terminating this Agreement and ceasing all federal funding commitments.
- 8.8 If ODOT approves any suspension or termination of the contract, ODOT reserves the right to amend its funding commitment in paragraph 3.1 and if necessary, unilaterally modify any other term of this Agreement in order to preserve its federal mandate. Upon request, the LPA agrees to assign all rights, title, and interests in its contract with the Contractor to ODOT in order to allow ODOT to direct additional or corrective work, recover damages due to errors or omissions, and to exercise all other contractual rights and remedies afforded by law or equity.
- 8.9 Any right, claim, interest, and/or right of action, whether contingent or vested, of the LPA, arising out of or related to any contract entered into by the LPA for the work to be performed by the Contractor on this PROJECT (the "Claim"), may be subrogated to ODOT, and ODOT shall have all of the LPA's rights in and to the Claim and against any other person(s) or entity(ies) against which such subrogation rights may be enforced. The LPA shall immediately notify ODOT in writing of any Claim. The LPA further authorizes ODOT to sue, compromise, or settle any such Claim. It is the intent of the parties that ODOT be fully substituted for the LPA and subrogated to all of the LPA's rights to recover under such Claim(s). The LPA agrees to cooperate with reasonable requests from ODOT for assistance in pursuing any action on the subrogated Claim including requests for information and/or documents and/or to testify.

- 8.10 After completion of the PROJECT and in accordance with Title 23 United States Code 116 and applicable provisions of the Ohio Revised Code, the LPA shall maintain the PROJECT to design standards and provide adequate maintenance activities for the PROJECT, unless otherwise agreed to by ODOT. The PROJECT must remain under public ownership and authority for 20

years, unless otherwise agreed to by ODOT. If the PROJECT is not being adequately maintained, ODOT shall notify the LPA of any deficiencies and if the maintenance deficiencies are not corrected within a reasonable amount of time, ODOT may determine that the LPA is no longer eligible for future participation in any Federally-funded programs.

9. CERTIFICATION AND RECAPTURE OF FUNDS

9.1 This Agreement is subject to the determination by ODOT that sufficient funds have been appropriated by the Ohio General Assembly to the State for the purpose of this Agreement and to the certification of funds by the Office of Budget and Management, as required by Ohio Revised Code section 126.07. If ODOT determines that sufficient funds have not been appropriated for the purpose of this Agreement or if the Office of Budget and Management fails to certify the availability of funds, this Agreement or any renewal thereof will terminate on the date funding expires.

9.2 Unless otherwise directed by ODOT, if for any reason the PROJECT is not completed in its entirety or to a degree acceptable to ODOT and FHWA, the LPA shall repay to ODOT an amount equal to the total funds ODOT disbursed on behalf of the PROJECT. In turn, ODOT shall reimburse FHWA an amount equal to the total sum of Federal dollars it had received for the PROJECT. If the LPA has not repaid ODOT in full an amount equal to the total funds ODOT disbursed on behalf of the project, any funds recovered from the performance and payment bond as required under section 7.8 shall be used to offset the Federal dollars reimbursed to FHWA.

10. NONDISCRIMINATION

10.1 In carrying out this Agreement, the LPA shall not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, religion, color, sex, national origin, ancestry, age, or disability as that term is defined in the American with Disabilities Act. The LPA shall ensure that applicants are hired and that employees are treated during employment without regard to their race, religion, color, sex, national origin, ancestry, age, or disability. Such action shall include, but not be limited to the following: employment, upgrading, demotion, or transfer; recruitment advertising; layoff or termination; rates of pay or other forms of compensation; and selection for training including apprenticeship.

10.2 The LPA agrees to post in conspicuous places available to employees and applicants for employment, notices setting forth the provisions of this nondiscrimination clause, and in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by it, state that all qualified applicants shall receive consideration for employment without regard to race, religion, color, sex, national origin, ancestry, age, or disability. The LPA shall incorporate this nondiscrimination requirement within all of its contracts for any of the work on the PROJECT (other than subcontracts for standard commercial supplies or raw materials) and shall require all of its contractors to incorporate such requirements in all subcontracts for any part of such PROJECT work.

10.3 For any project in which the Engineer's Estimate exceeds \$500,000, the LPA shall ensure that Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBEs), as defined in 49 CFR Part 26, will have an equal opportunity to participate in the performance of contracts and subcontracts financed in whole or in part with Federal funds provided in conjunction with this Agreement. To meet this requirement, subcontractors who claim to be DBEs must be certified by ODOT. The LPA shall require that all contracts and other agreements it enters into for the performance of the PROJECT contain the following specific language:

Disadvantaged Business (DBE) Requirement. DBE participation goals (subcontracts, materials, supplies) have been set on this project for those certified as DBEs pursuant to Title 23, U.S.C. section 140(c) and 49 CFR, Part 26, and where applicable qualified to bid with ODOT under Chapter 5525 of the Ohio Revised Code.



WAIVER PROCESS FOR DBE GOALS

In the event the Contractor is unable to meet the DBE Goal placed on this project, a request for waiver of all or part of the goal may be made to the Ohio Department of Transportation through the LPA. The written request must indicate that a good faith effort was made to meet the goal and be sent to ODOT's Office of Contracts with a copy to the ODOT District LPA Coordinator. Central Office will review the submitted documentation and decide the issue within ten (10) business days. There will be no extension of the time for the project granted if the prime Contractor wishes to avail himself of this process. The LPA will be notified as to the decision.

ODOT shall supply the percentage goal to the LPA upon review of the Engineer's Estimate. The LPA must obtain written, signed documentation from the contractor that the DBE goal has been satisfied prior to executing the contract with the contractor. The LPA, in turn, must provide such documentation to ODOT in order for ODOT to encumber the Federal/State funds.

11. DATA, PATENTS AND COPYRIGHTS - PUBLIC USE

11.1 The LPA shall ensure that any designs, specifications, processes, devices or other intellectual properties specifically devised for the PROJECT by its consultants or contractors performing work become the property of the LPA, and that when requested, such designs, specifications, processes, devices or other intellectual properties shall become available to ODOT and FHWA with an unrestricted right to reproduce, distribute, modify, maintain, and use. The LPA's consultants and contractors shall not seek or obtain copyrights, patents, or other forms of proprietary protection for such designs, specifications, processes, devices or other intellectual properties, and in providing them to the PROJECT shall relinquish any such protections should they exist.

11.2 The LPA shall not allow its consultants or contractors to utilize within the development of the PROJECT any copyrighted, patented or similarly protected design, specification, process, device or other intellectual property unless the consultant or contractor has provided for such use by suitable legal agreement with the owner of such copyright, patent or similar protection. A consultant or contractor making use of such protected items for the PROJECT shall indemnify and save harmless the LPA and any affected third party from any and all claims of infringement on such protections, including any costs, expenses, and damages which it may be obliged to pay by reason of infringement, at any time during the prosecution or after the completion of work on the PROJECT.

11.3 In the case of patented pavements or wearing courses where royalties, licensing and proprietary service charges, exacted or to be exacted by the patentees, are published and certified agreements are filed with the LPA, guaranteeing to prospective bidders free unrestricted use of all such proprietary rights and trademarked goods upon payment of such published charges, such patented pavements or wearing courses may be specifically designated in the proposal and competition secured upon the item exclusive of the patent or proprietary charges.

12. TERMINATION; DEFAULT AND BREACH OF CONTRACT

12.1 Neglect or failure of the LPA to comply with any of the terms, conditions, or provisions of this Agreement, including misrepresentation of fact, may be an event of default, unless such failure or neglect are the result of natural disasters, strikes, lockouts, acts of public enemies, insurrections, riots, epidemics, civil disturbances, explosions, orders of any kind of governments of the United States or State of Ohio or any of their departments or political subdivisions, or any other cause not reasonably within the LPA's control. If a default has occurred, ODOT may terminate this agreement with thirty (30) days written notice, except that if ODOT determines that the default can

be remedied, then ODOT and the LPA shall proceed in accordance with section 12.3 of this Agreement.

12.2 If notified by ODOT in writing that it is in violation of any of the terms, conditions, or provisions of this Agreement, and a default has occurred, the LPA shall have thirty (30) days from the date of such notification to remedy the default or, if the remedy will take in excess of thirty (30) days to complete, the LPA shall have thirty (30) days to satisfactorily commence a remedy of the causes preventing its compliance and curing the default situation. Expiration of the thirty (30) days and failure by the LPA to remedy, or to satisfactorily commence the remedy of, the default whether payment of funds has been fully or partially made, shall result in ODOT, at its discretion, declining to make any further payments to the LPA, or in the termination of this Agreement by ODOT. If this Agreement is terminated, the LPA may be liable to repay to ODOT all of the Federal funds disbursed to it under this Agreement.

12.3 The LPA, upon receiving a notice of termination from ODOT for default, shall cease work on the terminated activities covered under this Agreement. If so requested by ODOT, the LPA shall assign to ODOT all its rights, title, and interest to any contracts it has with any consultants or contractors. Otherwise, the LPA shall terminate all contracts and other agreements it has entered into relating to such covered activities, take all necessary and appropriate steps to limit disbursements and minimize any remaining costs. At the request of ODOT, the LPA may be required to furnish a report describing the status of PROJECT activities as of the date of its receipt of notice of termination, including results accomplished and other matters as ODOT may require.

12.4 No remedy herein conferred upon or reserved by ODOT is intended to be exclusive of any other available remedy, but each and every such remedy shall be cumulative and shall be in addition to every other remedy given under this Agreement or now or hereafter existing at law or in equity. No delay or omission to exercise any right or option accruing to ODOT upon any default by the LPA shall impair any such right or option or shall be construed to be a waiver thereof, but any such right or option may be exercised from time to time and as often as may be deemed expedient by ODOT.

### 13. THIRD PARTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES FOR CLAIMS

13.1 Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed as conferring any legal rights, privileges, or immunities, or imposing any legal duties or obligations, on any person or persons other than the parties named in this Agreement, whether such rights, privileges, immunities, duties, or obligations be regarded as contractual, equitable, or beneficial in nature as to such other person or persons. Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed as creating any legal relations between the Director and any person performing services or supplying any equipment, materials, goods, or supplies for the PROJECT sufficient to impose upon the Director any of the obligations specified in section 126.30 of the Revised Code.

13.2 The LPA hereby agrees to accept responsibility for any and all damages or claims for which it is legally liable arising from the actionable negligence of its officers, employees or agents in the performance of the LPA's obligations made or agreed to herein.

14. NOTICE

14.1 Notice under this Agreement shall be directed as follows:

If to the LPA:

**Eric Hansen, City Manager  
City of Mason  
6000 Mason-Montgomery Road  
Mason, OH 45040**

If to ODOT:

**Hans R. Jindal, P.E.  
District 8 Deputy Director  
505 South State Route 741  
Lebanon, OH 45036**

15. GENERAL PROVISIONS

15.1 *Audit Requirements:* The LPA shall comply with the audit requirements of 49 CFR Part 18.26 (Federal Single Audit Act) for any and all projects with a total cost of \$500,000 or more.

15.2 *Record Retention:* The LPA, when requested at reasonable times and in a reasonable manner, shall make available to the agents, officers, and auditors of ODOT and the United States government, its books, documents, and records relating to the LPA's obligations under this Agreement. All such books, documents, and records shall be kept for a period of at least three years after FHWA approves the LPA's final Federal voucher for reimbursement of PROJECT expenses. In the event that an audit-related dispute should arise during this retention period, any such books, documents, and records that are related to the disputed matter shall be preserved for the term of that dispute. The LPA shall require that all contracts and other agreements it enters into for the performance of the PROJECT contain the following specific language:

As the LPA, ODOT or the United States government may legitimately request from time to time, the contractor agrees to make available for inspection and/or reproduction by the LPA, ODOT or United States government, all records, books, and documents of every kind and description that relate to this contract.

Nothing contained in this Agreement shall in any way modify the LPA's legal duties and obligations to maintain and/or retain its records under Ohio public records laws.

15.3 *Ohio Ethics Laws:* In accordance with Executive Order 2007-01S, the LPA, by signing this document, certifies: (1) it has reviewed and understands Executive Order 2007-01S, (2) has reviewed and understands the Ohio ethics and conflict of interest laws, and (3) will take no action inconsistent with those laws and this order. The LPA understands that failure to comply with Executive Order 2007-01S is, in itself, grounds for termination of this contract and may result in the loss of other contracts with the State of Ohio.

15.4 [Conditional] *State Property Drug-Free Workplace Compliance:* In accordance with applicable State and Federal laws, rules, and policy, the LPA shall make a good faith effort to ensure that its employees and its contractors will not purchase, transfer, use, or possess alcohol or a controlled substance while working on State property.

15.5 *Governing Law:* This Agreement and any claims arising out of this Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of Ohio. Any provision of this Agreement prohibited by the laws of Ohio shall be deemed void and of no effect. Any litigation arising out of or relating in any way to this Agreement or the performance thereunder shall be brought only in the courts of Ohio, and the LPA hereby irrevocably consents to such jurisdiction. To the extent that ODOT is a party to any litigation arising out of or relating in any way to this Agreement or the performance thereunder, such an action shall be brought only in a court of competent jurisdiction in Franklin County, Ohio.

- 15.6 *Assignment:* Neither this Agreement nor any rights, duties, or obligations described herein shall be assigned by either party hereto without the prior express written consent of the other party.
- 15.7 *Merger and Modification:* This Agreement and its attachments constitute the entire Agreement between the parties. All prior discussions and understandings between the parties are superseded by this Agreement. Unless otherwise noted herein, this Agreement shall not be altered, modified, or amended except by a written agreement signed by both parties hereto.
- 15.8 *Severability:* If any provision of this Agreement is held to be invalid or unenforceable by a court of competent jurisdiction, such holding shall not affect the validity or the ability to enforce the remainder of this Agreement. All provisions of this Agreement shall be deemed severable.
- 15.9 *Signatures:* Any person executing this Agreement in a representative capacity hereby represents that he/she has been duly authorized by his/her principal to execute this Agreement on such principal's behalf.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be duly executed as of the day and year last written below.

**LPA: CITY OF MASON**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Eric Hansen  
City Manager

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**STATE OF OHIO  
OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Jolene M. Molitoris  
Director

Date: \_\_\_\_\_