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Summit County Transportation Improvement District Awarded \$842,500 in Grant Funding for Economic Development and Roadway Improvements

The Summit County Transportation Improvement District, chaired by County Executive Ilene Shapiro, was awarded \$842,500 for four projects in the State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2019 Transportation Improvement District round of funding through the Ohio Department of Transportation's Office of Jobs and Commerce. The funds will be spent in the City of Twinsburg, Bath Township, and the City of Akron, to continue important revitalization and job creation efforts in those cities.

The City of Akron projects include \$250,000 for the reconstruction of Romig Rd. for future development of the former Rolling Acres Mall site, as well as \$250,000 for roadway infrastructure for the Firestone Industrial Park, which is a redevelopment of the former Firestone Tire manufacturing site into land for business expansion and relocation opportunities. The City of Twinsburg will receive \$140,000 which will be used for roadway repair and re-paving of Chamberlin Rd. from E. Aurora Rd. (S.R. 82) on the north, to Highland Rd. on the south. The project also includes drainage improvements which will substantially extend the life of the roadway. Bath Township will receive \$202,500 for the reconfiguration of the Cleveland-Massillon Rd. at Ghent Road intersection to reduce traffic congestion at that intersection and provide easier access to I-77 for motorists working in that area. These improvements will support future business growth in the area, particularly along Embassy Parkway.

“One of our primary areas of focus in Summit County is economic development and job growth,” said County Executive Ilene Shapiro. “Transportation Improvement District grants are vital to our continuing, proactive effort to expand opportunities to improve infrastructure and to create and retain jobs in Summit County. We are very pleased to receive this funding and to invest more toward job creation in our community.”

The Summit County Transportation Improvement District was formed in 2014 to allow Summit County to take advantage of funding opportunities offered by the Ohio Department of Transportation’s Office of Jobs and Commerce. Each year the State solicits projects for funding that are designed to strengthen infrastructure and bolster economic development by creating and/or retaining jobs and road construction. The Transportation Improvement District grants are competitive and support innovative infrastructure projects that create and retain jobs. With these awards, the Summit County Transportation Improvement District has now received \$1,742,500 for local development projects in the four years of its existence.

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