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Dear Congressman Wenstrup,

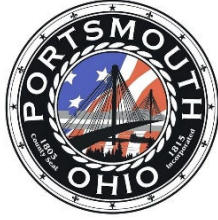
Please be advised that I am in support of the Coles Boulevard improvement project. Coles Boulevard is one of the most important roadways in the City as it is the major thoroughfare leading to both Southern Ohio Medical Center (SOMC) and Hillview Retirement Center. Also, it provides access to several residential subdivisions and neighborhoods in the northern part of the City. Funding for this project results in replacement of the aging stormwater drainage system and improvement of the roadway surface – this is critical concerning the infrastructure needs of the area and public safety. This project is an investment in the City of Portsmouth.

It is my hope that the City is successful in acquiring this funding. Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

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April 29, 2024

Congressman Brad Wenstrup  
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Greetings,

Please accept this Letter of Support for the Coles Boulevard improvement project for the City of Portsmouth, Ohio. Coles Boulevard is the only major collector on the north part of town which serves many neighborhoods and businesses and is also the only designated hospital route for emergency vehicles coming from north of Portsmouth heading to the Southern Ohio Medical Center.

This segment of road has been in poor condition for many years and the cost to repair the whole segment has been a major obstacle for the City to overcome. The scope of work includes replacing the storm sewer, repairing sidewalk and curb, resurfacing the entire roadway and adding new pavement markings. We will also incorporate traffic calming measures such as RRFB crosswalks, curb extensions and striped edge lines.

We have received 2.8 million dollars from the Ohio Department of Transportation through the Small Cities and Systemic Safety programs and we received an additional \$300,000 from the Ohio Valley Regional Development Commission through the Surface Transportation Block Grant. This additional funding would greatly reduce the local cost for the project as the total project estimate is above 5.4 million dollars.

Thank you for your time and consideration for this important infrastructure improvement project and look forward to hearing from your office.

Respectfully,

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Nathan Prosch, P.E., S.I.  
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# Southern Ohio Medical Center

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Dear Congressman Wenstrup,

Southern Ohio Medical Center enthusiastically supports the proposed Coles Boulevard improvement project in Portsmouth, Ohio. Enhancing this critical roadway is vital for improving infrastructure, traffic flow, and safety in our neighborhood and community.

Coles Boulevard serves as one of two primary access routes to SOMC's Main Campus, which houses one of the region's largest acute care hospitals and sees more than 300,000 visitors annually. The importance of maintaining safe and efficient transportation corridors cannot be overstated. The current condition of the road poses challenges for both motorists and pedestrians. As the largest employer in Portsmouth, SOMC recognizes the importance of addressing these issues to ensure the safety and well-being of our employees, patients, and the broader community.

We are particularly encouraged by the city's efforts to secure additional matching funds for this project. Such initiative demonstrates their dedication to addressing this critical infrastructure need.

In conclusion, Southern Ohio Medical Center enthusiastically encourages favorable consideration of the funding request. We firmly believe that this initiative will enhance the physical infrastructure and improve the safety of our community.

Thank you for your attention to this matter, and please do not hesitate to contact me if you require any further information or assistance.

Sincerely,



Ben Gill  
President and CEO  
Southern Ohio Medical Center