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**Approximately \$26 Million Available for Franklin County in
State Capital Improvements and Local Transportation Improvements Funds**

(Columbus – July 15, 2015) During Program Year 30, the Ohio Public Works Commission will allocate approximately \$26 million in loans and grants for District 3/Franklin County projects through the Ohio Public Works Commission’s State Capital Improvements Program (SCIP) and the Local Transportation Improvements Program (LTIP). These programs provide financial assistance to local communities for the improvement of their basic infrastructure systems. Eligible projects include improvements to roads, bridges, culverts, water supply systems, wastewater systems, storm water collection systems, and solid waste disposal facilities. District 3/Franklin County will recommend projects for both SCIP and LTIP for the project year beginning July 1, 2016.

The city of Grandview Heights recently completed Goodale Boulevard Improvements from Lincoln to Grandview. This project received \$2.9 million in funding from the SCIP in Round 27 (2013 funding). The improvements included sidewalks, bike lanes in each direction, and connection to the City of Columbus bike path south of the railroad on Urlin Avenue.

“The Ohio Public Works Commission funding allowed us to improve Goodale Boulevard west of Grandview Avenue,” states Mayor Ray E. DeGraw, City of Grandview Heights. “This project was an important part of needed infrastructure improvements connected to economic development in our community. The project addressed serious stormwater and sanitary sewer issues, improve and straighten the roadway and made that section of Goodale Boulevard safer for pedestrians and bicyclists.”

County, city, village, township and other infrastructure districts located in Franklin County who are interested in applying for funding can contact Wilma Yoder at 614-233-4175 or wyoder@morpc.org for assistance. Completed applications and Capital Improvement Reports are due Monday, September 14, 2015 by 5:00 p.m. for all applicants in District 3.

MORPC provides administrative support for District 3 of the Ohio Public Works Commission including processing and reviewing project grant and loan requests from local governments. After evaluating and scoring the projects, MORPC will create a list of high priority projects that are submitted to the Ohio Public Works Commission. Final project approval is given by the Ohio Public Works Commission.