



COLUMBUS CROSSROADS BUILD APPLICATION

FOURTH STREET BRIDGE

BACKGROUND

The City of Columbus, along with partners at the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) and Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC), seeks support for the BUILD application submitted to the U.S. Department of Transportation. BUILD is a discretionary grant program with \$1.5 billion available to support major transportation infrastructure projects nationwide. The application seeks \$20 million in funds to advance key components of the ODOT-led I-70/I-71 Columbus Crossroads improvements.

The Columbus Crossroads project casts an ambitious vision for the freeways and urban avenues that move through and connect the City of Columbus. The planned freeway components will improve safety at three of the state's top 10 crash locations. It will also relieve congestion at one of the state's most congested freeway locations. The planned urban avenue improvements on Columbus city streets will improve safety, reconnect neighborhoods, and provide additional economic development opportunities.

COLUMBUS CROSSROADS PHASE 4 COMPONENTS:

- Project Cost: \$206 million
- BUILD Request: \$20 million
- Fixes three of the top 10 crash locations in the state
- Alleviates a regional and state congestion point
- Improves city street network for vehicles, transit, bikes, and pedestrians



HIGH STREET

ODOT has broken the south innerbelt improvements, also known as Phase 4, into multiple components in an effort to fund the project. The total cost for the three components is approximately \$206 million – of which ODOT has committed approximately \$142.3 million, the City of Columbus has committed approximately \$35.1 million, and the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission has committed approximately \$9.3 million. A successful BUILD application would allow ODOT and the city to leverage BUILD funds to complete the project as originally envisioned and to recombine its three components into a single phase of construction.

DETAILS OF PHASE 4 COMPONENTS

4R Components:

- **Rebuilds** the Front Street Bridge across I-70/71. The new Front Street Bridge will be a gateway for Downtown and the Brewery District including new, wider sidewalks and greenspace.
- **Replaces** the existing I-70 eastbound ramp at Front Street with a new ramp exiting onto Fulton.
- **Constructs** a retaining wall from the western edge of the I-70/71 trench eastward to the Third Street Bridge. This allows for the city to convert Livingston Avenue into a two-way street from Front to Fourth Street.

4B Components:

- **Rebuilds** the Third Street Bridge with capacity for a commercial cap similar to the I-670 commercial cap in the Short North. The new bridge will be a gateway between Downtown and German Village.
- **Rebuilds** the Fourth Street Bridge with enhanced connections for pedestrians and bicyclists. The new bridge will improve development opportunities on Livingston Avenue.
- **Builds** a retaining wall between Third Street to Fourth Street creating approximately 1.5 acres of high-valued land for development between Livingston Avenue and the highway trench.



FOURTH STREET BRIDGE

FRONT STREET

4H Components:

- **Rebuilds** the High Street Bridge and creates a new civic gateway between Downtown, German Village, and the Brewery District. The new bridge will feature a double-sided “green cap” with significant public green space and enhanced pedestrian accommodations.

