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STATE CONTROLLING BOARD BOOSTS CLEVELAND INNERBELT PROJECT

Legislation will increase safety and protection of children with disabilities

COLUMBUS –State Senator Tom Patton (R – Strongsville) today applauded the release of \$3.6 million to be put toward the completion of the Cleveland Innerbelt Modernization Plan. The request came on behalf of the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) and funding was contingent upon approval from the state Controlling Board.

Under the proposal, ODOT will acquire a piece of land from Cuyahoga Community College that will serve as the final parcel needed in order to complete the innerbelt project. The effort aims to modernize interstate travel along I-71, I-77, and I-90, while also easing safety and congestion issues that persist among commuters and residents.

“The Controlling Board’s decision is a ‘win’ for the whole Cleveland area,” said Patton. “This project has long been in the works and I’m certain it will make for a much safer and calmer driving experience. I applaud the good people at ODOT and Tri-C for working together to find a common ground in order for this plan to move forward.”