

For Ryan Staff Purposes Only

Project name/location:
Initial Ryan staff contact:
Committee:
Congressional District:

U.S. Representative Tim Ryan

Appropriations Request Form

Tentative deadline for submission: February 15, 2008

Please return electronically to Barbara.Ewing@mail.house.gov

❖ PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

1. Name of Project: **Crain Avenue Bridge Relocation Project**

2. Project Description (250 words or less):

The project involves the relocation of the Crain Avenue Bridge with the construction of a new roadway bridge and improvements to the intersections of Crain Avenue/Lake Street/N. Water Street and S.R. 43 (N. Mantua Street)/Fairchild Avenue. The new Crain Avenue Bridge will be constructed to the south of the existing bridge and will connect the S.R. 43 (N. Mantua Street)/Fairchild Avenue intersection to N. Water Street. With the ability to accommodate four lanes of traffic, the new bridge along with modifications to area intersections will improve the existing poor Level of Service (LOS) rating of "F" at the Crain Avenue/Lake Street/N. Water Street intersection and the LOS rating of "E" at the Fairchild/S.R. 43 and Crain Avenue/S.R. 43 intersections. The existing bridge connecting Crain Avenue and S.R. 43 over the Cuyahoga River and CSX Railroad was confirmed to be structurally deficient in a 2001 inspection with a sufficiency rating of 41.8, qualifying the structure for bridge replacement funds. As part of this project, the existing Crain Avenue Bridge will be replaced with a utility/pedestrian bridge and serve as a vital link within The Portage Hike and Bike Trail.

3. What are the anticipated benefits of the project (250 words or less)?

The anticipated benefits of the project include:

- Replacement of structurally deficient bridge
- Mitigation of traffic congestion in area intersections
- Creation of new multi-modal facility
- Reduction of traffic-related accidents
- Improved accessibility to existing pedestrian facilities & The Portage Hike and Bike Trail
- Improved aesthetics

4. Identify the targeted population who will be served by this initiative.

The targeted population to be served by this project includes the residents of the City of Kent and Portage County in addition to the day to day visitors to the area including employees working within the vicinity and Kent State University students who travel through the project limits as part of their daily commute. The current Average Daily Traffic (ADT) counts for the streets involved in this project (25,000 for S.R. 43, 13,000 for Fairchild Avenue and 17,000 for

N. Water Street) is representative of the large population that will potentially be served by this initiative. The community as a whole will also benefit from the multimodal facilities created as part of this project. It is estimated that 35,000 to 50,000 people will be using The Portage Hike and Bike Trail yearly.

5. Name, address, telephone number of Requesting Organization:

City of Kent
 Department of Public Service
 Division of Engineering
 930 Overholt Road
 Kent, Ohio 44240
 Phone: (330)678-8106
 Fax: (330)673-1893

6. What is the Requesting Organization’s main purpose/activities:

The City of Kent is the sponsor of the Crain Avenue Bridge Relocation Project and is in charge of facilitating and coordinating the activities involved in completing the project in cooperation with Portage County, ODOT and AMATS.

7. Physical Location of Project, including county:

Crain Avenue, Fairchild Avenue, North Mantua Street, Gougler Avenue, North Water Street and Lake Street in the City of Kent, Portage County, Ohio. Please refer to the attached drawing.

- The termini for the S.R. 43 improvements are Stinaff Street to the north and Rockwell Street to the south.
- The Fairchild Avenue improvements will extend west to Hudson Road and east to N. Water Street.
- The northern terminus on the east side of the project extends approximately 200 feet northeast of the Crain Avenue/Lake Street/N. Water Street intersection along Lake Street.
- The eastern terminus extends approximately 200 feet east of the Crain Avenue/Lake Street/N. Water Street intersection along Crain Avenue.
- The southern terminus on the east side of the project extends approximately 300 feet south of the proposed Fairchild Avenue/N. Water Street intersection along N. Water Street.

8. Is this project located in the 17th Congressional district? If not, in which district is it located?

Yes

❖ **BUDGET**

9. Amount of federal funding requested: **\$2.5 million**

10. What is the total project cost? Please include a detailed budget of the total project’s estimated expenditures:

Budget items:	Dollar amounts:
Professional Services Costs-Base Project with Bridge Aesthetics	\$ 2.13 million
Construction Costs-Base Project with Bridge Aesthetics	\$14.85 million
Right-of-Way Acquisition Costs	\$ 2.75 million
Total project cost:	\$19.73 million

11. What is the specific purpose of the funds?

Due to increased construction costs, the funds will be used to cover the shortfall in approved construction funding.

12. In the table below please indicate the sources and amounts of matching funds from state, local, private or in kind contributions: (please remember that you are more likely to be funded if you request no more than 50 percent of the total cost of the project).

Sources of Funding	Dollar Amount Requested	% of Total Project Cost	Is this funding committed?
*Federal Funding	\$2.5 million	12.67%	No
CEAO BR Funds	\$5 million	25.3%	Yes
AMATS STP Funds	\$4.4 million	22.3%	Yes
HSP Funds	\$2.25 million	11.4%	Yes
City of Kent	\$4.5 million	22.8%	Yes
Portage County	\$1.08 million	5.5%	Yes
Total Project Cost	\$19.73 million	100%	N/A

*(must match Question #9)

13. What is the minimum amount in federal funds needed to have the project/program move ahead?
\$1.5 million

❖ **BACKGROUND:**

14. Will other organizations or communities benefit from the project? If so, please describe:

As a County-owned bridge, the replacement of the deficient Crain Avenue Bridge with a new bridge at Fairchild will improve Portage County infrastructure. The City of Kent's neighboring communities of Stow, Brimfield, Ravenna and Franklin Township will benefit as well with the improvements to the bridge and its adjacent intersections with the mitigation of traffic congestion along this corridor.

15. Supporting organizations and contact information (if applicable):

Portage County, Ohio

Michael A. Marozzi, PE, PS
Portage County Engineer
5000 Newton Falls Road
Ravenna, Ohio 44266

16. If applicable, does the project have the support of state/local elected officials (especially for infrastructure projects)? Please identify and include resolutions of support if available.

Yes, the project has the support of both City of Kent and the Ohio Department of Transportation per Ordinance No. 2007-19 (attached).

17. Full contact information (address, email, telephone numbers, including cells) of two members of the requesting organization who can answer questions on the project.

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Gene Roberts, P.E.
Director of Public Service
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18. Will this request be submitted to any other U.S. Representatives or U.S. Senators for consideration? If so, please specify. **No**

19. What federal department or agency would most likely have jurisdiction? Is there a specific account within that department or agency? If it is a defense request, please include the DOD program title, the DOD account, line number and Program Element (PE) line. **FHWA**

20. Are there additional materials (e.g. maps or letters of support) that are accompanying this questionnaire? Please identify: **Figure illustrating project limits and Ordinance No. 2007-19 referred to in question 16.**

21. Have you spoken to a Ryan staff member about the project? If so, please identify the staff member: **Sean Buchanan**

22. If your organization employs a government affairs firm, please provide a contact name, address, phone number and email:

23. Has the project received federal funding in the past? If so, please specify amount, source, year, etc.

CEAO BR Funds-FY 08	\$3.8 million
AMATS STP Funds-FY 08	\$3.4 million
HSP Funds-FY 08	\$2.25 million
CEAO BR Funds-FY 07	\$1.2 million
AMATS STP Funds-FY 07	\$1.0 million

24. Please disclose any financial or operational issues – now or in the foreseeable future – that could place the organization’s operation at risk of continuing its programs and services, or would jeopardize the availability of the local match?

Signature/Name of Principal
(Electronic signatures are acceptable).

Date