

Progress Update

FORMER THOMSON FACILITY

The owner of the site is focusing its efforts on attracting retail to the front 50 acres along US 23 and expanding infrastructure, including roadways to the rear of the site for industrial/warehousing. P3 staff has hosted meetings with the site owner and Casto, the developer and owner of Circleville Plaza to discuss mutually beneficial efforts to attract retail and industrial to the Thomson and Casto sites.

GENERAL ELECTRIC



The company announced that it will be moving a production line from another lighting plant to the Circleville facility. This will not create new jobs in Circleville but it will increase production at the plant and retain existing jobs. GE also announced that it will not be spinning off its Lighting and Industrial Unit; the Circleville plant is a part of this business unit.

GOVERNMENT RELATIONS



The P3 Executive Committee traveled to Washington DC on December 17 to meet with staff members for Senators Voinovich and Brown. The main topic of conversation was funding for the Rickenbacker Intermodal East-West Connector Road. P3 learned that \$700,000 has been earmarked in the upcoming Transportation, Housing and Urban Development (THUD) appropriations bill. This earmark is a result of P3 working with our US Senators and former Congressman Hobson along with the Columbus Regional Airport Authority (CRAA) and their lobbyist on the appropriations request. Letters have been sent to Governor Strickland, Lt. Governor Fisher, our Congressional Delegation and Statehouse delegation describing development and infrastructure needs in the county that could be funded through President Obama's stimulus package. Projects listed are : Rickenbacker Intermodal East-West Connector Road; Ashville-South Bloomfield Mud Run trunk sewer line; Pickaway Connect Broadband initiative; Derby Sanitary Sewer Project; and; Pickaway Progress Park road and utility funding.

EAST-WEST INTERMODAL TERMINAL CONNECTOR ROAD



The transportation study is progressing for this roadway. The County Engineer received word from the consultant doing the study, TranSystems that the study could be completed in early 2011 with construction beginning in the summer of 2011. This is contingent upon securing funding for the roadway.

P3 SPECULATIVE BUILDING



A prospective tenant toured the building for a 1/4 of the space. The potential tenant is a small company in Pickaway County looking to expand its operations. P3 is in the process of working out the terms of a lease.

US EPA BROWNFIELD GRANT

P3 staff has had conversations with 2 property owners in Circleville that are interested in having a Phase I and Phase II environmental assessment done on their property. Along with our environmental consultant, Pandey Environmental, P3 staff is meeting with the property owners to begin the assessment work. Both properties have excellent development potential.

PICKAWAY COUNTY PARK BOARD

At the behest of the County Commissioners, P3 staff have been working with the Park Board to secure funding from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) Clean Ohio trails program. The grant will purchase a path of land from SR 104 west to the Pickaway County line from Dayton Power and Light. This will expand the hiking trail to 16-18 miles from Canal Road to New Holland. P3 Staff has requested roughly \$150,000 from the program; \$75,000 to pay for the land and \$75,000 to survey the land. P3 should receive word about the funding from ODNR in the fall of this year.

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LEADS/PROSPECTS/SITE VISITS since last report

State Leads: 0
Real Estate Professional Leads: 1
Developer Leads: 0
Columbus Chamber Leads: 2
P3 Leads: 2
Prospects: 1
Site Visits: 1

For additional information regarding any of these items, please contact:

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