## Project Title: State Route 762 / Rickenbacker Parkway Roundabout

The State Route 762 / Rickenbacker Parkway Roundabout project will construct a new roundabout and/or turn-lane improvements at a heavily congested intersection that serves as a primary connector between Pickaway County and the Rickenbacker logistics hub. The area supports significant daily traffic, including thousands of trucks, numerous flights at Rickenbacker International Airport, and significant intermodal containers. As industrial development and freight activity continue to expand, congestion at this intersection increasingly threatens safety, delays commutes, and disrupts freight movement.

The proposed improvements include road grading, resurfacing, concrete work, installation of traffic control infrastructure, and traffic management during construction to minimize disruption. Safety features such as updated signage, lighting, and pavement markings will also be incorporated to ensure the roundabout is safe and easy to navigate.

This project addresses a critical infrastructure need that directly supports long-term economic growth and public safety in the region. The intersection of SR 762 and Rickenbacker Parkway has been identified as a top priority on the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission's (MORPC) Competitive Advantage Projects list because of its strategic role in the logistics and manufacturing economy. <u>Right click here to open the MORPC's transportation improvement</u> <u>priorities for Pickaway County</u>. If congestion at this intersection is not resolved, it could hinder future business investment and drive-up transportation and emergency response costs across the region.

Roundabouts are proven to reduce serious crashes by eliminating left turns and managing vehicle speeds more effectively than signalized intersections. They also offer long-term cost savings due to lower maintenance and operational expenses. With nearly \$3 billion in private capital invested in the Rickenbacker area and over 20 million square feet of industrial space developed in the past decade, this infrastructure upgrade is essential to sustain growth, ensure roadway safety, and maintain the region's economic competitiveness.