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Dear Mr. Marchbanks and Mr. King:

Attached is the executed Grant Agreement for PID 116358 Project PIC SR752 Access Improvements. First, I want to express my appreciation as representative of the Village of Ashville for the support on this project and past projects with our community. We genuinely believe that more can be accomplished through cooperation and collaboration than any one entity can accomplish alone.

We would like to express concern that there are no left turn lanes onto State Route 23 westbound from State Route 665/317 on the northside until the Circleville exit at State Route 55/56. The result is an entire school district, Teays Valley, not being able to access half its school which includes Commercial Point without going to these compromised intersections. I have witnessed risks being taken by drivers to cross State Route 23 and know individuals who have died at State Route 762 and 23. Ashville is a member of MORPC, and I am on the Executive Committee. Therefore, we are aware of the efforts being made to correct State Route 23 and 762. We appreciate all the support that ODOT and others have made to improving that intersection. We want to ensure that actions can occur at State Route 752 and 23 to mitigate a foreseeable risk to trucks, cars, and buses.

I may be incorrect, but it appears there may not be a way to get multiple developer entities to contribute to a single project improvement. If that is the case, I would like to discuss whether something like that could be developed. South Bloomfield and Ashville are part of a Cooperative Economic Development Agreement (CEDA) and collectively have about 3,000 acres land, see page 2, that could be developed as commercial land to the east of State Route 23. It would be desirable to have a plan and process on how this area can be developed to prevent a compromise of State Route 23 or possibly make State Route 23 better through designed access control.

In Ashville, we are members of the two Joint Economic Development Districts (JEDDs) around Rickenbacker. We have embraced positive economic development and have seen its impact. We appreciate the help being given by many sectors of government. It appears desirable to be as proactive as possible. We are requesting ODOTs assistance to see what we can do working together and preventing what has happened on State Route 23 to the north of Columbus and Franklin County.

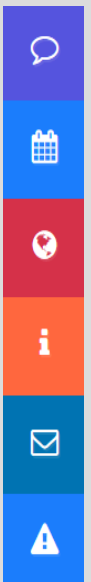
Thanks again for your involvement in Pickaway County. We will appreciate anything that can be done to reduce the likelihood of an accident and/or fatality at these intersections, especially at State Route 752. It is the gateway into Ashville and the largest school district in Pickaway County.

Anticipating the Future,

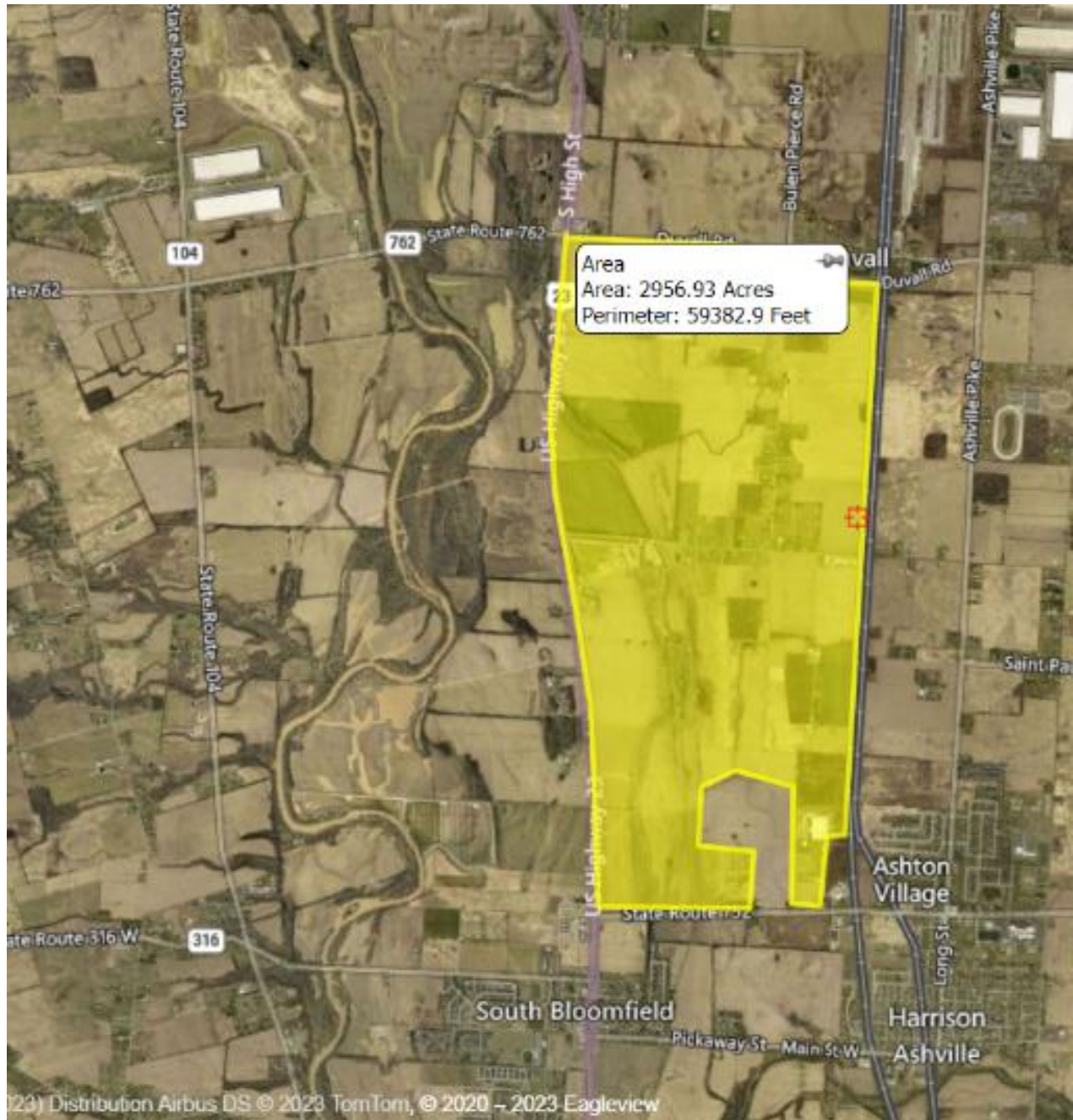
Franklin Christman, Village Administrator

cc: Nelson R. Embrey II, Mayor

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