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Governor's Office of Appalachia and the Ohio Department of Transportation Collaborate to Improve Harrison County Road 10

COLUMBUS – In Harrison County, a collaboration to upgrade a County Road 10 will result in improved infrastructure and job creation. Today, Jason Wilson, Director of the Governor's Office of Appalachia, along with Lloyd MacAdam, District Deputy Director of the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT), met with Robert Sterling, Harrison County Engineer and the Harrison County Commissioners during the County Commissioners meeting to recognize the completion of the project and the success of the partnership.

"Upgrading County Road 10 has increased access for a local business and will create jobs. This project would not have been possible without the partnership among the Ohio Department of Transportation, Ohio Mid-Eastern Governments Association, the county and our office. It is a great example of what can happen when we work together toward a common goal," said Jason Wilson, Director of the Governor's Office of Appalachia.

Harrison County received a \$107,000 grant from the State Appalachian Development Program, \$175,000 from the Ohio Department of Transportation, and a \$175,000 Roadway 629 grant for the project. Improvements to County Road 10 allow Rosebud Mining Company to transport coal from the new Vail Mine to the preparation plant on a safe transportation route. As a result of the project, the company will create 45 full-time positions.

"Partnering with communities to meet the transportation needs of growing businesses is extremely important to ODOT," said Lloyd MacAdam, District 11 Deputy Director. "This project was valuable to us, because of the jobs created and the company's investment in the region. By working together, the county was able to improve the volume and load carrying capacity of this road for commerce."

"This project is a classic example of the success that is possible when we work together to utilize grant programs to facilitate true economic development and job creation," said Greg DiDonato, Executive Director of the Ohio Mid-Eastern Governments Association.

The State Appalachian Development Grants are designated for projects that will increase job opportunities for residents in the Appalachian region as well as improve the community infrastructure to encourage economic development activities.

*Ohio's highways are essential to keeping and creating new jobs. With a mission to provide easy movement of people and goods from place to place, the **Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT)** is responsible for*



maintaining one of the largest transportation networks in the nation. Guided by ethical principles and accountability, ODOT works to improve safety, enhance travel and advance economic development. As a \$2.8 billion enterprise, the department wisely invests in its core services of snow and ice removal, annual construction program and highway maintenance operations.

*ODOT's **Office of Jobs & Commerce** aligns transportation investments and strategies with the needs of Ohio's businesses and workers. The Office works at the speed of business to enable transportation projects with job retention or expansion impacts to be quickly qualified, reviewed, and executed.*

About Ohio's Governor's Office of Appalachia

As an advocate for Ohio's 32 Appalachian counties, the Governor's Office of Appalachia helps to administer grant programs of the Appalachian Regional Commission in Washington, D.C. to promote the region's assets and to support local, regional, state and federal initiatives. These initiatives contribute to the economic, educational and community prosperity of the people of Ohio's Appalachian region.

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