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Jacksontown, Ohio (*Tuesday, December31, 2013*) – The Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) is seeking public comments regarding the following proposed project in Fairfield County.

<u>FAI – US 22-23.88</u> (PID 93273) – ODOT is proposing to replace the US 22 bridge located over the Rush Creek and the Norfolk Southern Railroad tracks just east of SR 664 near Rushville, Ohio. The new bridge is tentatively scheduled to begin construction in early 2015.

The duration of this projected project will be approximately 18-24 months. It is anticipated that US 22 will close to traffic at this location for approximately 9-10 months, weather permitting. During the closure, the proposed state route detour will be via US 22 Eastbound/SR 37 eastbound, to SR 664 northbound, to US 22, and reverse.

ODOT is seeking comments from the public about the social, environmental, and economic impacts of this proposed project. Environmental impacts could include those involving archeological, architectural and ecological resources, hazardous materials and the general location of the project.

Written comments concerning the project may be mailed to the Ohio Department of Transportation District 5, Attention: Amy Toohey, PO Box 306, Jacksontown, Ohio 43030, or by e-mail Amy.Toohey@dot.state.oh.us. ODOT District 5 can also be contacted by telephone at 740-323-5191. All comments must be submitted by January 13, 2014.

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