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Dear ,

Thank you for your letter regarding the Franklin Boulevard Project in Glenwood. It is helpful to have your concerns outlined in a written format. While ODOT will not be responding to all your concerns in this letter, we did want you to know your comments will be addressed in the final National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) document prepared for the project. When complete, that document will be provided to you, and the public on the City of Springfield's (City) project website.

The City's design efforts have been built off many years of alternatives analysis and robust public involvement, including during development of the Glenwood Refinement Plan and Franklin Boulevard Study. You can find more information on these efforts on the City's project website at: <http://newfranklinblvd.org/>.

Traffic projections from the City's 2035 Transportation System Plan were used in conjunction with their Engineering Design Standards and Procedures Manual for intersection design. The use of roundabouts for intersection control is proven method to increase mobility and improve safety at high volume intersections. There are several successful examples of closely spaced roundabout corridors in high traffic volume urban areas including: Modesto, California; Carmel, Indiana; and Bend, Oregon.

As you know, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) has not approved the Categorical Exclusion for this project yet. Based on all the previous planning, design, and outreach efforts to date, FHWA does not see project impacts rising to the level of significant as defined under NEPA. We will notify you once the final NEPA approval has been made.

Sincerely,

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