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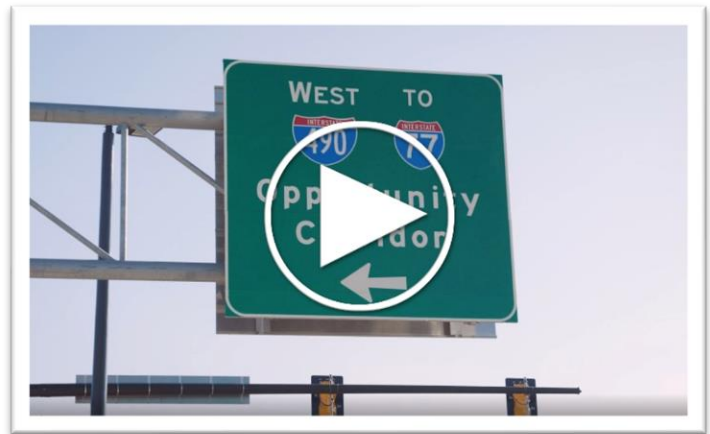
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Ohio Turnpike Wins IBTTA Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Award for the Opportunity Corridor Project in Cleveland

WASHINGTON, D.C. (Sept. 23, 2022) – The Ohio Turnpike and Infrastructure Commission (OTIC) was recognized by the international toll road industry for its role in funding the Opportunity Corridor, a transportation improvement project in Cleveland that resulted in a positive environmental and economic impact on historically disadvantaged communities.

The OTIC approved more than \$200 million in funding for the Opportunity Corridor project, which included the construction of a 3.1-mile boulevard in Cleveland from East 55th St. at I-77/I-490 (known as the Forgotten Triangle) to East 105th St. It was the first time in the history of the OTIC to provide funding for a project that had a transportation-related nexus to the 241-mile Ohio Turnpike.

Because the Opportunity Corridor project was funded primarily by OTIC bond revenues – with no federal funding for construction – diversity and inclusion goals to select contractors were established and exceeded by using an innovative approach. Contractors were also required to provide local residents with employment and career training opportunities.



OTIC funding for the Opportunity Corridor project included the construction of a 35-mph boulevard with a median, traffic signals, pedestrian and bicycle paths, tree lawns, landscaping and motor vehicle, pedestrian, and rail bridges.

As a result of the project, developers have invested more than \$1 billion in projects within a quarter mile of the Opportunity Corridor.

The OTIC was one of two recipients of the International Bridge, Tunnel and Turnpike Association's (IBTTA) 2022 Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Award. IBTTA is the worldwide association for the owners and operators of toll facilities and the businesses that serve them.

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