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Innovate Mound drives forward public-private partnership with executive committee

Representatives from 16 organizations committed to corridor renovation

Sterling Heights, MI – A public-private partnership has been formed between local governments and business executives who would like to work together to ensure the success of Innovate Mound, an infrastructure project that calls for the transformation of nine miles of Mound Road into a state-of-the-art corridor.

The estimated investment needed for this project is \$217 million, a large portion of which will be sought from federal funding sources. A critical component of competing for federal funding is demonstrated stakeholder support.

“The team behind Innovate Mound is a great model for inter-government and public-private partnership,” said County Executive Mark A. Hackel. “The cities of Warren and Sterling Heights, together with Macomb County, are thrilled to have such an impressive list of professionals representing many of the leading companies located along Mound Road.”

Having an established relationship with these representatives also allows the project to collect company-specific input on the design and build of the project. For example, engineers from the U.S. Army Detroit Arsenal, home of the TACOM Life Cycle Management Command, will provide input related to current entrance and exit challenges.

“The collaborative effort shown with Innovate Mound by including the Army in this dialogue ensures we remain relevant to our mission while participating in positive changes here in Warren and Macomb County,” said Alan Parks, garrison manager for the Arsenal.

The current executive committee is as follows:

AM Specialties, Inc. - Ron Klinger

BAE Systems - Angela Lommen

Casadei Steel, Inc. - Bruno Casadei

Chardam Gear Company - Mike Brzoska

City of Sterling Heights

City of Warren

Conti Corporation - Warren Wintermantel
Defense Corridor Center for Collaboration and Synergy - Ron Lamparter
FCA US LLC - Thomas Lindquist
Ford Motor Company - Brad Simmons
General Dynamics Land Systems - Gary Whited
General Motors - Kenneth L. Kelzer
Macomb County
Metro Wire & Cable Corp. - Nate Tallman
Sterling Heights Regional Chamber of Commerce & Industry - Melanie Davis
U.S. Army at Detroit Arsenal - Samuel Hillhouse

Innovate Mound officially kicked off in December 2016. The design considerations tentatively in place for this project include complete roadway surface reconstruction, widening north of 17 Mile Road, landscaping, lighting, signs, driveway controls, additions of non-motorized facilities, 10-foot-wide safety path along the bike trail or corridor, connections to trail network and improvements to transit stops.

This corridor could also be equipped with smart-street technology to include computerized traffic signal systems, real-time traffic speed monitoring, cameras, communications to signals and more. This technology would be able to increase emergency management and enhance safety and mobility.

For more information on the Innovate Mound project, visit InnovateMound.org or follow on Twitter @InnovateMound.

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