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\$400,000 SPACE-REQUESTED FUNDING APPROVED BY HOUSE FOR STATE ROUTE 16 ENGINEERING STUDIES

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WASHINGTON, D.C. - [Fighting to bring much-needed economic development funding for Muskingum and Coshocton Counties](#), Congressman Zack Space (OH-18) announced today that \$400,000 to fund preliminary studies for the Ohio 16 Dresden-Coshocton Connector project was approved by the House of Representatives last night. These studies would position the project for design and construction approval. While the preliminary work required before construction can begin is significant, this funding represents a first step toward the completion of this project.

"In order to attract new businesses and support economic growth in our region, it is vitally important that we have the proper infrastructure in place," Space said. "Making progress on this project will benefit local job-providing businesses and industry that rely on our network of roads."

"This project is part of a larger Columbus-Pittsburgh corridor that crosses state lines and provides a vital service to companies in our area," Space continued.

This project was approved by Congress as part of the FY2010 Transportation and Housing and Urban Development Appropriations bill. The legislation will now be sent to the Senate for consideration.

Also included in the bill was dedicated funding that Congressman Space requested for the Federal Rail Administration to study the use of biofuels in locomotives. Space had included a provision in the Railroad Safety Enhancement Act last year instructing the Secretary to carry out the feasibility study, but the agency had yet to move on the provision due to funding concerns.

Congressman Space has represented Ohio's 18th Congressional District since 2007. He is working to restore integrity to the office and create the conditions to bring new industry and jobs to Ohio.

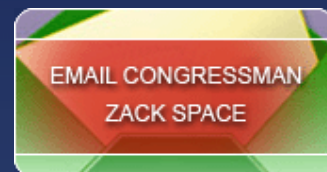


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