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Lunken Airport Named as Preferred Station Location for 3C Rail Plan

Cincinnati – Mayor Mark Mallory was informed today by the Ohio Rail Development Commission, Executive Director Matthew Dietrich that the Lunken Airport site will be the preferred alternative for the 3C Quick Start service in the American application to be submitted on October 2 to the Federal Railroad Administration. Mayor Mallory met with the Governor's staff yesterday to make the formal request.

The Mayor remains committed to the long term goal to get a permanent station at Union Terminal.

ODRC cited the below reasons in the decision to identify Lunken Airport as the preferred Quick start station location in the October 2nd submittal to FRA.

ODRC:

To summarize and to frame how public input helped shape the plan, please allow me to share with you some of the inputs that went into this decision:

- The public and agency input process identified community preference for planning that is already underway for urban light rail on the Oasis line in Cincinnati.
- The Mt. Adams community outlined how their area is developing in a manner consistent with the transit-oriented development vision of a light rail system.
- Residents from the Oasis line expressed their concerns about possible noise and view shed impacts of heavy rail (Quick Start) at the proposed boat house station as well as possible impacts on a local park. These issues will require more analysis, which will be addressed with the Oasis Line's NEPA process for light rail.
- The Oasis line has already been identified and located via the Eastern Corridor Tier I ROD, so the 3C project has been aligned to better support the conclusions of that ROD and ongoing public involvement.

The final outcome is that the proposed boat house station is no longer the preferred Quick Start station for Cincinnati. The proposed Lunken Airport station location will be highlighted as the preferred Quick start station location in the October 2nd submittal to FRA.

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