



NOVEMBER 2015 NEWSLETTER

Opportunity Corridor Workers Share Their Stories

Spotlight on the Corridor, a regular information series produced by the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) communication consultants, provides an on-the-ground look at the construction progress and offers insight and interviews with Cleveland residents directly involved with building the new boulevard. The first issue features an interview with Mr. James Russell, a Work Zone Supervisor on the project and a resident of the Buckeye-Woodhill neighborhood.

The team has also created a video highlighting Mr. Russell and other local construction workers on the project. Watch it at: <https://youtu.be/qpvptTNIup4>

Welcome New Jobs Ambassador to Fairfax

ODOT Jobs Ambassadors continued their efforts engaging the Opportunity Corridor community at various meetings in October, including the Outhwaite Homes Job Fair and the Fourth Police District's Community Safety Meeting. The Ambassadors also distributed information at local businesses and places of worship to inform residents and employees on the road project and efforts to reinvigorate the neighborhoods.

Khalid Hawthorne joins Fairfax Renaissance as the second Opportunity Corridor Jobs Ambassador. Along with

Carla Williams, he will be responsible for connecting residents to job resources within Wards 4, 5 and 6 and throughout Cleveland. Khalid has a passion for economic empowerment, business development and civic innovation. Prior to joining Fairfax, the Durham, N.C. native spent five years as a Neighborhood Revitalization Specialist for the City of Durham and later served as an economic and business development consultant. Khalid has an MBA from Case Western Reserve University and an electrical engineering degree from North Carolina A&T State University in Greensboro, N.C.

Know of someone getting back to work?

A Certificate of Qualification for Employment (CQE) can make reemployment easier for those who may have been denied a job because of a criminal record. It's all about getting back to work! The next CQE event will take place Saturday, Dec. 12, from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Community of Faith Church, 5949 Engle Avenue, Cleveland.

Continue to look for this newsletter as we present upcoming events and news revolving around the project. Scan this code to visit our website.

Opportunity Corridor Partnership Office



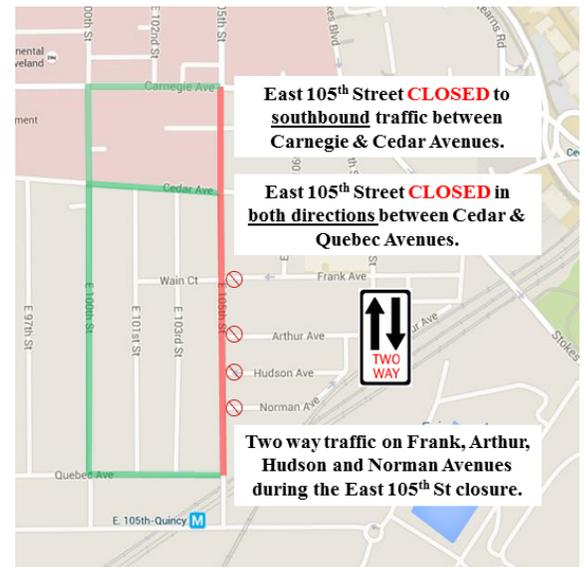
Great work in resident employment opportunities!

During October, Ohio Means Jobs | Cleveland Cuyahoga registered for jobs assistance a total of 54 new Opportunity Corridor residents who live in Wards 4, 5 and 6. Forty-seven other residents were placed into employed positions and seven residents were approved for training, from commercial truck driving to classes leading to a State Certified Nurse Assistant position. Twenty residents received supportive services, which were needed for them to engage in training or accept employment opportunities. In the past year this ODOT funded Opportunity Corridor program, has placed 206 residents in jobs and 58 more in training programs.



ODOT Offers Tour of Corridor Area

The ODOT Inclusion Committee held a bus tour of the boulevard area on Nov. 18th. Led by Opportunity Corridor Partnership Office Executive Director Marie Kittredge, participants saw neighborhood landmarks first-hand and heard about the possibilities for catalytic economic development! They also learned about neighborhood plans and modes of alternative transportation. The Partnership Office welcomes opportunities to present the potential and early progress of the transportation project and neighborhood investment efforts. Contact Marie for information: 216-592-2297.



Road Construction Update

Through mid-December, East 105th Street will be closed in both directions between Cedar Avenue and Quebec Avenue. Motorists are detoured via East 100th Street. Frank, Arthur, Hudson and Norman Avenues will not have direct access to East 105th Street during the closure. These streets have temporarily been made two-way streets to provide full access. Beginning in mid December, E. 105th will open to northbound traffic only. Southbound lanes will remain closed through late December. Southbound motorists are detoured via East 100th Street. Detour map here. For more info on road construction, log-on to www.OpportunityCorridor.Transportation.Ohio.gov or call 216-584-2007.