

# **Butler County Transportation Improvement District**

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### **The Michael A. Fox Highway Receives National Building Award**

The Michael A. Fox Highway and Kokosing Construction company were recently awarded a 2000 AON Build America Award - the Oscar of the Construction Industry.

Presented by the Associated General Contractors of America (AGC) at their recent national meeting in Seattle, Washington, the AON Build America Awards are considered the premier honor for work in the construction industry. The Build America Awards are selected by a contractor's toughest critics - other contractors - and recognizes excellence in project management, client service, innovation in construction techniques, community relations, and sensitivity to the environment.

"We are honored to receive this prestigious award - especially because it comes directly from our industry colleagues," said Brian Burgett, President and CEO of Kokosing Construction. "We were pleased with the intense work and coordination that allowed this project to be completed nine months ahead of schedule - something unique in road construction."

"Kokosing Construction Company had an outstanding team that went beyond the call of duty to get the project completed in record time." said Greg Wilkens, Executive Director of the Butler County TID. "The highway is a huge asset to Butler County, and we are proud that it is getting the recognition it deserves!"

The largest project ever let by the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT), the 10.7-mile, \$158 million highway connects the city of Hamilton to I-75 through Fairfield and Liberty townships and opened December 13, 1999 - eight months ahead of schedule. The project design allowed Kokosing Construction to build the highway while being sensitive to the community needs by building a park and bike paths and installing noise walls and attractive landscaping. The Michael A. Fox Highway is expected to accommodate approximately 35,000 vehicles daily.

Kokosing Construction Company Inc., headquartered in Fredericktown, Ohio and founded in 1951, is comprised of five divisions including heavy highway, treatment plants, building/industrial, utility, and asphalt.

**The Butler County Transportation Improvement District**

With a local focus on economic development and safer travel, the Butler County TID plans, finances, and constructs projects, including the new Union Centre Interchange and the Michael A. Fox Highway. It is recognized as a national model for its innovation.

The TID was established to plan, finance, construct, and maintain road improvement projects. Since its inception in 1994, the TID has undertaken planning and facilitation of projects, including the new Union Centre Interchange, the Michael A. Fox Highway, the widening and extension of Muhlhauser Road, the Symmes Road extension, the widening of SR 747, and the Bypass 4/SR 4 intersection improvements.