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• The Ohio Department of Transportation is constructing the final portion of “the Opportunity Corridor.” This new 4-6 lane city street in Cleveland will connect I-490 at the 55th Street exit to University Circle by way of 105th Street, which was extended as part of this multi-stage project.

• The new street will improve commute times for University Circle workers and improve access to the distressed neighborhoods along its path. Map One identifies the distressed Census Blocks in Fairfax, Central, Kinsman, and Buckeye-Woodhill that lie within ½ mile of the centerline of the new street.

Map One: Census Blocks Within ½ Mile of New Street
(Excludes University Circle Core Area).

• The City of Cleveland recently announced plans to build a new Police Headquarters campus within the corridor (at 75th Street). City and neighborhood leaders want to leverage the new street to: create job opportunities for current residents; help existing businesses grow; and attract new companies and new residents to revitalize the many vacant and abandoned properties within the corridor. Measuring progress requires a good "snapshot" of data before the new street opens.
Figure One summarizes the most current job data for the distressed Census Blocks within the Opportunity Corridor. In 2017, there were 5,732 jobs located in these blocks: 5,543 were held by workers who commuted into the corridor and 189 were held by residents of the corridor. At the same time, 5,359 residents of the corridor commuted to jobs that were located outside the corridor.

**Figure One: Employment Inflow-Outflow, 2017**

- **Jobs in Corridor**: 5543
- **Employed Residents in Corridor**: 5359
- **Community Workers Commuting**: 189
- **Residents Commuting**: 5359

Although Maps Two and Three below are too small to see detail, the green areas reveal that the corridor is intricately connected to commuting patterns within the broader region.

**Map Two: Where Corridor Workers Reside**

**Map Three: Where Corridor Residents Work**

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<th>Sector</th>
<th>Employed Residents, 2017</th>
<th>Jobs In Corridor, 2017</th>
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<td>Health &amp; Social Services</td>
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<tr>
<td>Administrative Support</td>
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<td>Accommodations &amp; Food</td>
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<td>Retail Trade</td>
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<td>Transportation &amp; Storage</td>
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Table One reveals short-term and long-term opportunities to help existing and new businesses grow in the corridor by hiring corridor residents who already have job experience in the same sectors.