



December 3, 2024

RE: SR 46/New Road Intersection Improvement Project, Austintown Township, Mahoning County
ODOT Project No. MAH-46-13.51; PID 120083

Dear Neighbor:

The Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) District 4 proposes improvements to the intersection of State Route (SR) 46 and County Route (CR) 162 (New Road), located in Austintown Township, Mahoning County. ODOT is seeking stakeholder input regarding these proposed improvements. Stakeholder input is an important part of the project development process and provides valuable feedback that helps guide decision-making through all phases of project development. We ask that you take some time to visit the project website to review the project information, potential right-of-way impacts, and submit your questions or comments. Additional opportunities for public input will be provided in January/February of 2025.

Project information:

<https://publicinput.com/i8622>



The purpose of the project is to improve safety by reducing the number and severity of crashes occurring at the intersection. A Safety Study was completed in April of 2023 which identified the predominant crash types of rear-end, left turn, and sideswipe passing crashes occurring at the signalized intersection, of which 42% involved injury or fatality. The study determined that converting the intersection to a roundabout will target the current crash patterns by slowing approaching traffic and reducing crash severity, while also improving the overall operation of the intersection. The Safety Study can be found in Appendix E (page 118) of the Traffic Analysis Memo available on the project website at the link above, or by scanning the QR code above.

We are currently in the planning phase of project development which includes public involvement, environmental studies and preliminary engineering. This phase of the project is expected to be completed by Spring of 2025. Detailed design, right-of-way acquisition, and construction phases will follow. Construction is expected to begin in the Spring of 2027. Details on potential maintenance of traffic (i.e., lane restrictions, roadway closures/detours) and potential right-of-way acquisition are still being developed and will be available at a later date. A map of the project area is included on the reverse side of this letter.

We welcome your questions and comments. To ensure the proposed project is viable and successful, ODOT is seeking comments from stakeholders about the social, environmental, and economic impacts of this proposed project. Issues you may wish to comment on include, but are not limited to, the effect of the project on your property/business, the local economy, air quality, historic or cultural resources, etc.

Comments may be submitted via the contact information on the reverse side of this letter or on the project website: <https://publicinput.com/i8622>.

Public participation is solicited without regard to race, color, sex, age, national origin or disability. The Ohio Department of Transportation is committed to providing access and inclusion and reasonable accommodation in its services, activities, programs and employment opportunities in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and other applicable laws. If you do not have internet access and would like these materials mailed to you or require interpretation/translation services or reasonable accommodation to view the presentation or provide comments, please contact Sean Carpenter as soon as possible.



Questions or comments?

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Respectfully,

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