

STATE ROUTE (SR) 21 AND LAKE AVENUE INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENT PROJECT



STA-SR21/SR236-12.24/0.00 (PID 122272)



Ohio Department of Transportation

Project Fact Sheet

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Following a review of the traffic analysis results and public feedback following the December 2025 public meeting, Alternative 2 has been selected as the recommended preferred alternative for the proposed **SR 21 and Lake Avenue Intersection Improvement Project**. Alternative 2 will convert the existing signalized intersections at SR 21 & Lake Avenue and Lake Avenue & 1st Street into modern roundabouts designed to enhance capacity, improve safety, and strengthen community connectivity. By removing traffic signals and maintaining continuous traffic flow, the improvements will result in smoother and more efficient vehicle operations.

In addition to increasing intersection capacity, the project includes substantial **pedestrian-focused enhancements**. These include a shared-use path along the south side of Lake Avenue, new pedestrian crossings across SR 21, and improved connections to key community destinations such as the Ohio & Erie Canal-Towpath Trail, Lake Avenue Trailhead Parking and the Trailhead Canoe Livery. Together, these upgrades will create a safer, more accessible, and better-connected corridor for all users.

PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS



MEETING PURPOSE AND WAYS TO PROVIDE FEEDBACK

The purpose of this meeting is to provide information about proposed improvements to the intersection and to gather feedback. Below are ways we encourage you to provide feedback:

BY PHONE AND EMAIL:

Please reference “SR 21 and Lake Avenue Intersection Improvements” in emails:

Alex Pitts, P.E.
330-830-1722
apitts@massillonohio.gov

BY MAIL:

Please reference “SR 21 and Lake Avenue Intersection Improvements” in letters:

City of Massillon
151 Lincoln Way East
Massillon, OH 44646

ONLINE

Visit www.structurepointpublic.com/sr21andlakeaveintersectionimprovements or scan the QR code below:



Please submit comments by July 23, 2026

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PROJECT GOALS



Improve intersection capacity



Reduce vehicular congestion and queuing



Strengthen community connectivity



Improve safety

PROJECT FEATURES

- Improved traffic flow through both intersections
- Improved vehicle, pedestrian, and bicycle safety
- Mountable truck apron to accommodate semi-trucks
- New crosswalks and improved pedestrian access
- Improved access to surrounding businesses and recreational areas
- Improved access to Ohio & Erie Canal-Towpath Trail and Trailhead Canoe Livery
- Improved landscaping and aesthetics
- Enhanced street lighting

MAINTENANCE OF TRAFFIC

Construction is currently planned to be completed in three phases. Detour routes are under development.

PHASE 1 Approx. 105 Days

The following closures are anticipated:

West leg of Lake Avenue
South leg of 1st Street
Outside lanes of SR 21

PHASE 2 Approx. 75 Days

The following closures are anticipated:

Lake Avenue
1st Street
Outside lanes of SR 21

PHASE 3 Approx. 45 Days

The following closures are anticipated:

West Leg of Lake Avenue
SR 21



FUNDING

The City received \$4.1M through the **Stark County Area Transportation Study (SCATS)** and \$1.3M through the **Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) Highway Safety Improvement Program**. The city will apply for additional state funding to cover the remainder of the project costs and will provide city funds for their match. The project will not raise taxes. The current estimated cost of construction, including right-of-way acquisition, is approximately \$8.0M.

SCHEDULE



2023 - 2024
Planning Phase

We Are Here



2025 - 2027
Design



August 2026
ROW Acquisition



Fall 2028 – Fall 2029
Construction