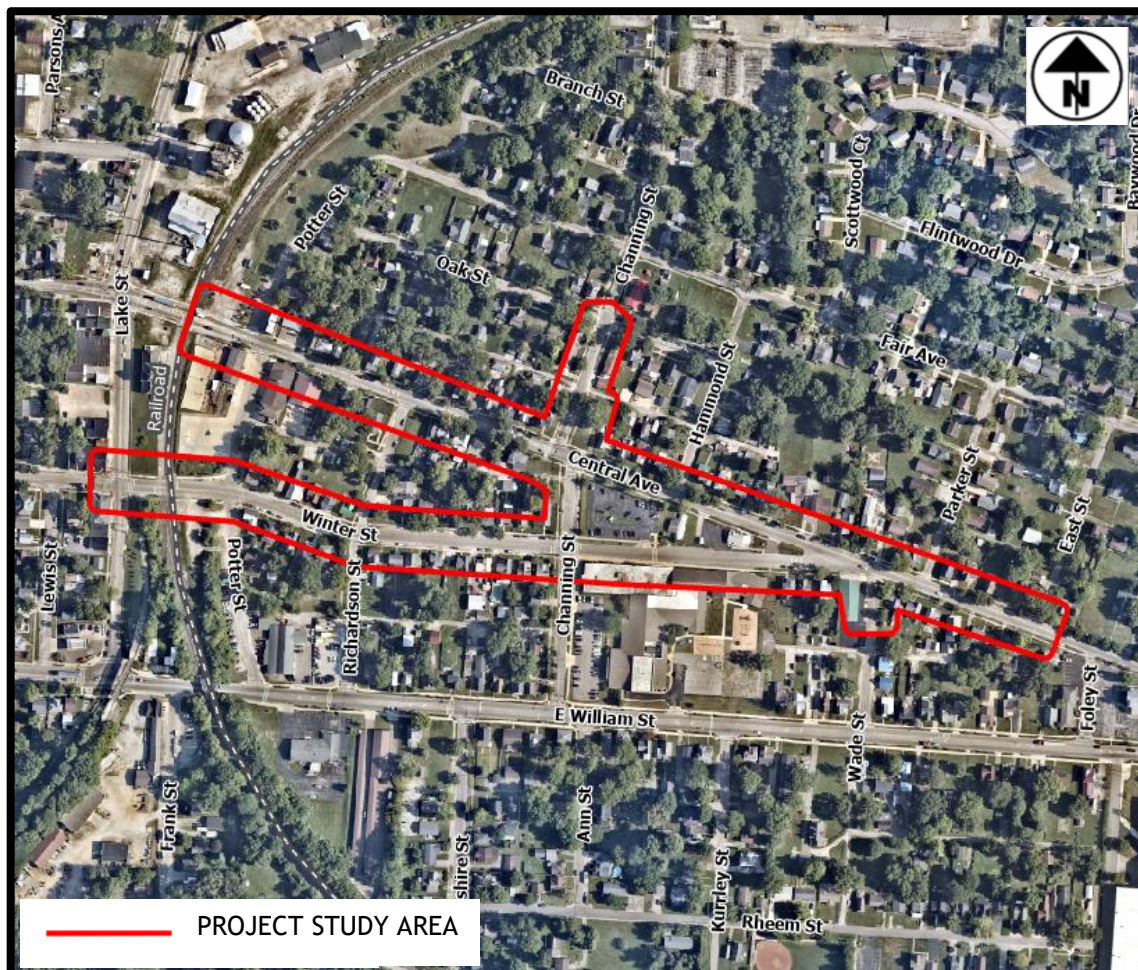


Central Avenue (SR 37) Improvement Project

DEL-SR37-10.79 (PID 120256)

Project Location and Description

The project will reconstruct Central Avenue [State Route 37 (SR 37)] from just east of the railroad crossing to just west of East Street, tying into “The Point Improvement Project” on Delaware’s east side. Improvements include converting Central Avenue to a three-lane roadway with a north-side sidewalk, a south-side shared-use path, upgraded street lighting, utility work, and intersection upgrades at Channing Street and Winter Street. The plan also adds bike lanes along Winter Street from Lake Street to Central Avenue. This project is independent of ODOT’s recently announced SR 37 Corridor Planning Study.



Project Purpose and History

The purpose of this project is to replace deteriorating pavement on Central Avenue between the railroad crossing and just west of East Street, while also improving safety for motorists and pedestrians along Central Avenue, Channing Street, and Winter Street.

Central Avenue carries more than 17,000 vehicles daily, including nearly 1,700 trucks, making it a vital commuter and freight route. Heavy traffic volumes have accelerated pavement deterioration, requiring full replacement. In addition, congestion and long delays are common between Potter Street and Winter Street due to short turn lanes at signals and the absence of left-turn lanes between major intersections, creating both efficiency and safety issues.

Improvement Alternatives

A Feasibility Study was prepared to identify the recommended preferred alternative for Central Avenue, Channing Street, and Winter Street:

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- Two 11-foot travel lanes, a 10-foot center turn lane, a 5-foot sidewalk on the north side, and a 10-foot shared-use path for walking or biking on the south side.

Winter Street

- A 5-foot striped bike lane in each direction along the roadway.

Channing Street

- Two 11-foot travel lanes, a 10-foot left turn lane, and 5-foot sidewalks on both sides of the road.

Central Avenue/Channing Street Intersection

- Channing Street will be realigned with Central Avenue and left turn lanes will be added on Channing Street.

Central Avenue/Winter Street Intersection

- Right turns in and out, and left turns into Winter Street will be permitted, but left turns out from Winter Street onto Central Avenue will be prohibited.

Schedule

This project is in the design phase of ODOT's Project Development Process. Using the results of the Feasibility Study and public input, ODOT's goal is to prepare detailed designs of the recommended preferred alternatives by spring 2026. Land acquisition and construction is tentatively scheduled for summer 2028 and expected to last for one year. If right-of-way acquisition is necessary from your property, personnel from the City of Delaware or its consultants will contact you directly to discuss the right-of-way needs, the acquisition process, and your rights under that process.

see more at www.structurepointpublic.com/sr37improvement

Project Comments

Comments about this project are welcomed and encouraged. Please submit comments via phone, email or mail to:

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Comments are requested no later than **December 13, 2025**, to be documented in the Public Input Summary Report and will be addressed shortly after the close of the comment period. Please reference "Central Avenue (SR 37) Improvement Project" in emails and in letters.

The environmental review, consultation, and other actions required by applicable federal environmental laws for this project are being, or have been, carried out by ODOT pursuant to 23 USC 327 and a Memorandum of Understanding dated 12/14/2020 and executed by FHWA and ODOT.