

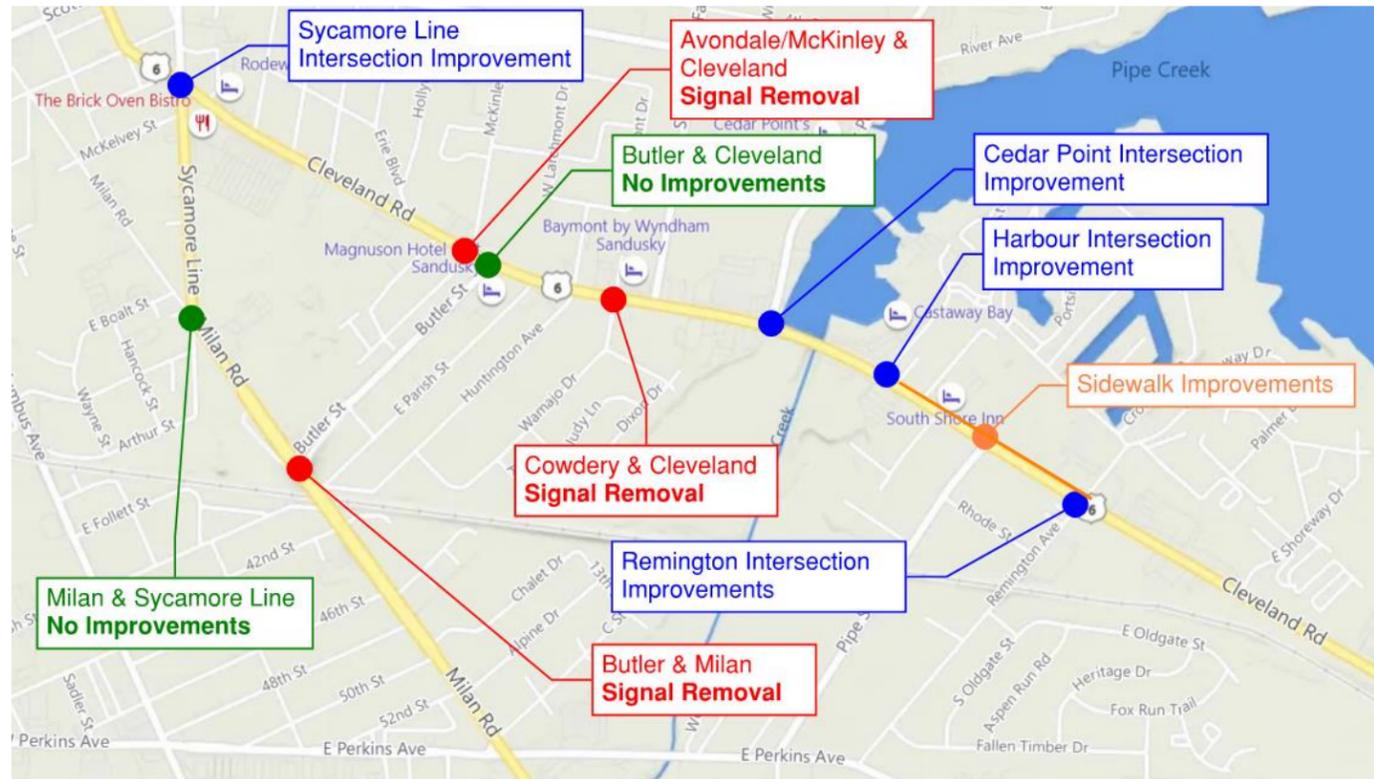


CLEVELAND ROAD IMPROVEMENTS

ERI-US6-9.07 (PID 114056)

Project Fact Sheet

Preferred Alternative:



Project Area



What are the purpose and goals of the project?

The purpose of the proposed project is to improve mobility and reduce congestion along the Cleveland Road corridor in the city of Sandusky, Erie County, Ohio.

A Feasibility Study was recently prepared and compared alternatives to meet the project's purpose and need. This study evaluated alternatives for the Cleveland Road and Cedar Point Drive intersection, pedestrian facilities within the project corridor, and improvements at other intersections within the project corridor.

Cleveland Road and Cedar Point Drive Intersection - Three Alternatives

Alternative 1: Signal and Lane Improvements

Alternative 2: Replace Current Signal with a Modern Roundabout

Alternative 3: No Build

Other Proposed Improvements for Project Corridor

Additional recommendations from the Feasibility Study for the Cleveland Road and Sycamore Line intersection include lengthening the southbound turn lane (from 150 feet to 200 feet) and left-turn lane on the westbound approach (from 225 feet to 425 feet), east of the intersection. The Cleveland Road and Remington Avenue intersection recommendations include lengthening the left-turn lane on the eastbound approach (from 125 feet to 450 feet) and a 450 feet right-turn lane will be added to the eastbound approach at the intersection. Additionally, based on the signal warrant analysis, traffic signal removals are recommended at the intersections of Milan Road and Butler Street, Cleveland Road and Avondale Street/McKinley Street, Cleveland Road and Cowdery Street, and Cleveland Road and Harbour Parkway, as they do not meet the volume based signal warrants. Furthermore, new sidewalk is recommended along the north side of Cleveland Road from Harbour Drive to southeast of Remington Avenue.

Preferred Alternative

Following the results of the study, the preferred alternative is Alternative 2 - Modern Roundabout. The roundabout alternative satisfies both purposes to increase safety and mobility along the project corridor by increasing the capacity of the intersection and reducing the overall conflict points for both vehicles and pedestrians.

PROPOSED PROJECT SCHEDULE

June 1 - July 15, 2022
Open House Public Meeting/
Public Comment Period

February - October 2022
Preliminary and Detailed
Design

Fall 2022
Environmental Clearance

Fall 2023
Right-of-Way Acquisition

Winter 2024
Sale of Project

April - October 2024
Construction

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 **July 15** to be documented in the Public Input Summary Report and will be addressed shortly after the close of the comment period. Please reference "Cleveland Road Improvements" 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 December 14, 2020, and executed by FHWA and ODOT.



What is the current status of decision-making on this project?

The intent of this open house is to provide an update on the project and to seek your feedback to ensure the best possible decisions are made for our community. We welcome your input and encourage you to provide comments.

Why can't this project be undertaken sooner?

Many factors go into developing a schedule for construction of a federal-aid project of this size. In addition to providing time for data collection, project design and quality control review, the schedule must also provide for public involvement, environmental review, environmental permitting, right-of-way negotiations, and utility relocations.

Who proposed this project and how is it funded?

The project has been proposed and will be undertaken by the City of Sandusky. The current estimated project cost, including right-of-way acquisition and construction, is approximately \$5.5-million. At this time, the project will be constructed with City (10%), State (5%), and federal Safety (85%) Funding Application. ODOT, as steward of the federal funds, will provide federal oversight.

Why can't these funds be used somewhere else or for something else?

While the City could elect to use its funds elsewhere, the City considers that the existing roadway conditions and safety issues on Cleveland Road warrants making this roadway a priority for treatment. Additionally, the federal funds on this project cannot be allocated to another Sandusky project.

What is the crash history?

Between 2015 and 2017, 106 crashes occurred in the project area. Rear end crashes accounted for 39% of the crashes, with angle (15%), side swipes (14%), and left turns (14%) accounting for many of the remaining crashes. Injuries were involved in 28% of the total crashes during this period. Additionally, further review of crash data showed 78% of the crashes occurred between May through October which coincides with the Cedar Point Season. The preferred roundabout alternative will reduce the overall conflict points for both vehicles and pedestrians, and will include safer intersection control.

What type of amenities will be offered?

Along the project corridor, the project will maintain the existing street lighting. The installation of a new sidewalk along the north side of Cleveland Road from Harbour Parkway to southeast of Remington Avenue will be included, pending approval of the federal funding application for additional funds. Additionally, improvements along the project corridor include sidewalk replacement, storm sewer, new and upgraded crosswalks, new ADA compliant curb ramps, pavement markings and striping. The project does not currently provide for decorative lighting or tree plantings.

Will the project be ADA-compliant?

All pedestrian facilities within the project work limits will be evaluated and upgraded as needed for ADA-compliance.

Will property access/driveway configurations be affected?

One driveway at the Thirsty Pony and some Cedar Point Property driveways are currently planned to be removed. Additionally, the westernmost driveway at Quaker Steak and Lube is planned to be converted to a right-in/right-out driveway as the Barbour Parkway signal will be maintained. Driveways and property access will be maintained during construction. There will be temporary impacts during construction of the new approaches, but these activities will be short-term impacts during work performed at the driveway.

How will traffic be maintained during construction?

The proposed construction at the US 6 and Cedar Point Drive intersection would involve a full closure during spring, prior to when Cedar Point opens. Access will be maintained for businesses. The roadway widening will be constructed under traffic, with two-way traffic maintained during construction. The contractor will maintain access to residential and commercial properties during construction.

Will the project require property acquisition?

The project will require minor temporary (approximately 0.35 acre) and permanent (approximately 0.25 acre) acquisition from (18) private properties. Affected property owners will be contacted at a later date to discuss the right-of-way needs, the acquisition process, and property owner rights under the process. The acquisition of property will be done according to all state and federal laws, including the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Act (the Uniform Act). The Uniform Act and other laws establish the process for a government agency to acquire property:

1. A fair market value will be determined for the portion of each property needed.
2. A written offer will be presented to the owner.
3. The property owner can accept or negotiate this value.
4. When a value is agreed upon, a closing phase occurs where the property is bought.

Overall, the process will take several months. No total takes (complete acquisitions) or relocations will be necessary. If you would like to discuss your specific property, please contact Josh Snyder at (419) 627-5875, through the comment form, or at jsnyder1@ci.sanduskys.oh.us.

Will the project affect historic properties?

An evaluation of the corridor for historic resources, as well as the project effect on any identified historic properties, will be undertaken as part of the environmental review of the corridor. At this time, an area extending from the Pike Creek Bridge to west along Cleveland Road and north along Cedar Point Drive was previously surveyed for archaeological resources. In addition, the area northeast of the Pike Creek Bridge and the area near the Milan Road and Butler Street intersection were also previously surveyed for archaeological resources. A National Register of Historic Places is present at 1202 Sycamore Line. Additionally, several documented historic structures are present along the Cleveland Road corridor in close proximity of the project.

Will the project involve work in waterways or wetlands?

One wetland is present south of the Cleveland Road and Cedar Point Drive intersection. The preferred alternative is proposed to impact approximately 0.15 acre of the wetland due to the installation of the new roundabout. All necessary permits and mitigation will be obtained prior to undertaking any work in the wetland. Additionally, Castaway Bay is present northeast of the Cleveland Road and Cedar Point Drive intersection; however, no impacts are anticipated for the preferred alternative. One stream, Pipe Creek, is located near the proposed project but is located outside of the alternative limits and will not be impacted.

How will the project affect noise levels along the corridor?

The project is not a new highway on new location, does not significantly change the horizontal or vertical alignment, does not add an auxiliary lane, and does not add capacity. The project is not a type that is expected to result in noise impacts as defined by applicable regulations.

What if I cannot attend or view the open house?

Extra materials from this public presentation will be made available at the City of Sandusky City Hall for those who cannot attend the public meeting or view the online presentation. Additionally, hard copies of the presentation can be mailed upon request by contacting Josh Snyder (contact information on the next page).