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SR 161 Corridor Study - Sawmill Rd to Olentangy River Rd

Schedule

- Begin Study – July 2016
- Collect Data – July-Nov. 2016
- Develop Alternatives
– Nov. 2016-Mar. 2017
- Public Meeting – April 2017
- Review Comments – May 2017
- Choose Preferred Alternative
– June 2017
- Apply for Funding
– June 2017

Schedule for Design, Right-of-Way, and Construction depends on funding

Project Description

The Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) has initiated a study of State Route 161 (SR 161 - also known as Dublin-Granville Road) between Sawmill Road and Olentangy River Road. The purpose of the study is to develop a strategy for improvements that are constructible and fundable. ODOT has several partners in the study effort, including Columbus, Worthington, Perry Township, Franklin County, and the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC).

The project is currently in the Preliminary Engineering (PE) phase of ODOT’s Project Development Process (PDP), which involves preparation of a Feasibility Study. The Feasibility Study will describe the purpose of the project and the alternatives considered. The alternatives will be compared based upon impacts and benefits, such as traffic flow, pedestrian and bicycle safety, property impacts, access, and community and environmental impacts. Public involvement on these issues will assist in comparing the alternatives and identifying the Preferred Alternative.

Budget (millions)

Preliminary Engineering	\$0.6
Right of way	TBD
Construction	TBD
Total	TBD

Getting Involved

A public meeting will be scheduled to get feedback from the community on the alternatives prior to choosing the Preferred Alternative. The meeting is tentatively planned for April 2017. However, your input is always welcome. To provide comments, ask questions, or sign-up for the e-mail list, please contact **SR161CorridorStudy@Lawhon-Assoc.com** or mail:

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Project Benefits

- Reduce congestion and delay
- Improve safety
- Provide Bikeway/Pedestrian Accommodations

Project Partners



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Our Mission

To provide easy movement of
people and goods from place
to place, we will:

- Take care of what we have;
- Make our system work better;
- Improve safety
- Enhance capacity

Project Update

Data Collection. ODOT selected a consulting team, led by Mead & Hunt, to perform the study. Mead & Hunt, along with their teammates Lawhon & Associates and Burgess & Niple, began collecting data. From July through November 2016, the team looked at traffic volumes, land use forecasts and crash data. They investigated current and forecasted usage of the CSX rail line in Linworth. They began to collect information about properties and utilities along SR 161 and take note of businesses, residents, historic properties, parks, and potential environmental issues.

Public Outreach. The team developed a plan for public outreach, and formed an Advisory Committee (AC) with members from each jurisdiction, plus neighborhood groups along the corridor. Five AC meetings and one public open house meeting are planned.

AC Meeting #1 was held on August 31, 2016. The purpose of the meeting was to provide an introduction to the study, introduce the project team, discuss the AC's role in the study, and obtain input on issues of concern that should be considered during the study.

AC Meeting #2 was held on November 17, 2016. The group discussed the data collection and analysis completed to date. The committee provided feedback on the transportation needs that should be addressed.

AC Meeting #3 was held on January 12, 2017. This meeting was a workshop where the AC brainstormed alternatives to be further developed by the project team.

AC Meeting #4 is planned for March 14, 2017. At this meeting, the group will review an evaluation of the alternatives that were developed as a result of the workshop.

A public open house will be held in April 2017 to present the alternatives to the whole community. Details will be provided when the date gets closer.

AC Meeting #5 is planned for May 2017 to review the public comments and make recommendations on which alternatives to carry forward.

For periodic updates, please sign up for the e-mail list at SR161CorridorStudy@Lawhon-Assoc.com.

The environmental review, consultation, and other actions required by applicable Federal environmental laws for this project being, or have been, carried-out by ODOT pursuant to 23 U.S.C. 327 and a Memorandum of Understanding dated December 11, 2015, and executed by FHWA and ODOT.