



Ohio 117/309 (Harding Highway) Safety Improvements, Allen County

Project Facts

Project particulars

Project location:	Ohio 117/309 between Saratoga Avenue and Bowman Road
Project cost:	\$5 million with \$1 million being for right of way acquisition, \$4 million for construction (federal and state funds)
Contract bids opened:	January 2013 (Part 2 of ALL-75-5.53 Project)
Construction Schedule:	April 2013 to October 2013 (one construction season)

Reason for the project

- This area of Ohio 117/309 has been identified as a safety/congestion location on ODOT's Highway Safety Program listing.
- Rear-end and angle accidents occur along the route, most often at high-volume driveways (primarily during left-in and left-out movements).
- By managing the number, location and size of access points, safety will be improved as well as traffic flow.

Project Description

The Ohio Department of Transportation is improving the safety of the Ohio 117/309 corridor from just east of Saratoga Avenue to Bowman Road by implementing safety improvements as recommended in a recent safety study. The main features of the project are:

- Access Management techniques will be incorporated, such as eliminating, consolidating or relocating drives especially at high-volume areas, and separating turning traffic from through traffic.
- A six-inch high concrete median curb will be constructed down the center of the roadway from west of Saratoga Avenue to the west side of the Mt. Holyoke Avenue and Ohio 309 intersection.
- The median curb will be broken near Saratoga Avenue to facilitate U-turns and at the Willard Avenue/Ohio 117 and Ohio 309 intersection.
- U-turns will be provided on Ohio 117/309 at the following locations:
 - Near Saratoga Avenue (westbound to eastbound only)
 - Willard Avenue/Ohio 117 and Ohio 309 intersection
 - Mt. Holyoke Avenue and Ohio 309 intersection (eastbound to westbound only)
- The roadway will provide 12-foot travel lanes and portions of the roadway will be widened to accommodate U-turn movements.
- Concrete curbs and gutters will be constructed along both sides of Ohio 117/309 from east of Saratoga Avenue to the Devonshire Drive and Ohio 309 intersection.

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- Right-turn lanes on eastbound Ohio 117/309 will be constructed at the following intersections:
 - Ohio 117
 - Eastgate mall drive
 - Lost Creek Boulevard
 - Bowman Road
- The right shoulder along Ohio 309 will be widened from the Devonshire Drive and Ohio 309 intersection to the main drive to the Allen County Fairgrounds.
- Five-foot wide sidewalks with 3-foot and 8-foot tree lawns will be constructed on the north from the west end of the project to Willard Avenue and from Lost Creek Boulevard to Devonshire Drive and south sides of Ohio 117/309 beginning east of Saratoga Avenue and ending at Devonshire Drive intersection with Ohio 309. No sidewalks will be constructed on the north side of Ohio 309 between Willard Avenue and Lost Creek Boulevard.
- Traffic signals will be upgraded or installed at the following intersections with Ohio 309:
 - Willard Avenue/Ohio 117
 - Mt. Holyoke Avenue
 - Lost Creek Boulevard
 - Devonshire Drive
 - Coordination upgrade with traffic signals at the Greely Chapel Road and Ohio 117 intersection.

Maintenance of traffic

- Access to businesses will be maintained at all times during construction.

General Project and Contact Information

- A public meeting will be held prior to construction.
- District One's ALL-SR 117/SR 309 project website:
www.dot.state.oh.us/districts/D01/PlanningPrograms/Projects/Pages/default.aspx#SR117-SR309
- District One's Access Management website:
www.dot.state.oh.us/districts/D01/PlanningPrograms/trafficstudies/Pages/Access-Management.aspx
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