



# OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

## Ohio 309 (Elida Road) Safety Improvements Allen County

### Project Facts

#### Project particulars

Project location:	Ohio 309 between Eastown Road and Robb Avenue
Project cost:	\$7.2 million for construction (federal and state funds)
Construction Schedule:	April 2011 to October 2011

#### Reason for the project

- This area of Ohio 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.
- By managing the number and location 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 309 corridor from just west of Eastown Road to Robb Avenue 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 along the entire length of the project area. The median curb will be broken at designated intersections.
- Portions of the roadway will be widened to provide 12-foot travel lanes and to accommodate U-turn movements.
- A new connector road will be constructed from Ohio 309 to American Avenue through the property formerly occupied by Quiznos.
- Arthur Avenue will be extended south of Ohio 309 to connect with an extended American Avenue.
- American Avenue will be extended east of Cable Road just north of the railroad to Arthur Avenue.
- Hartzler Road will be widened to three lanes and relocated slightly to the west. The Lima Mall drive just west of the Golden Corral Restaurant will also be relocated slightly west and aligned directly across from Hartzler Road.
- Right-turn lanes will be constructed on Ohio 309 at the Cable Road and Eastown Road intersections.

U-turns will be provided on Ohio 309 at the following locations:

- Between IHOP and Aldi's (westbound to eastbound only)
- American Avenue intersection
- Hartzler Road intersection
- At the new connector road
- Arthur Avenue intersection
- Robb Avenue intersection (eastbound to westbound only)
- U-turns will not be provided nor permitted at the Eastown and Cable Road intersection due to their high volume of traffic

Traffic signals will be upgraded or installed at the following intersections with Ohio 309:

- Eastown Road
- American Avenue
- Hartzler Road
- New connector road
- Cable Road
- Arthur Avenue
- The Robb Avenue signal will be upgraded to permit left turns from Robb Avenue onto Elida Road

### **Maintenance of traffic**

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

### **General Project and Contact Information**

- Information regarding the project may be obtained by contacting personnel in the Ohio Department of Transportation District 1 at the following numbers:

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- For updates throughout the construction of the project visit the project Web site at:  
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