



Fostoria Loop Road Study



February 28, 2008

Public Meeting

- **Meeting Format (4:00-7:00 p.m.)**
 - Open house – Feel free to proceed from station to station at your own pace
- **Purpose of this Meeting**
 - To gather public input regarding the transportation system and mobility in and around Fostoria both as it exists currently and how it might exist in the future,
 - To present the proposed corridors for the Fostoria Loop Road and identify the recommended priority order for the construction of the roadway segments
 - To receive input on recommendations
 - To answer any questions
- **Questions and Comments**
 - Study team members are at each station to answer questions and explain the information being presented
 - Please provide written comments on the forms at the comment station
 - Comments will be received until March 14, 2008



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Background:

- In 2005, City of Fostoria received a congressional earmark to begin the planning, engineering, and construction of transportation improvements.
- ODOT started planning for transportation improvements in the fall of 2006.
- ODOT worked with local stakeholders to identify and understand the problems, needs, and goals for Fostoria's transportation improvements.
- Project team worked together to identify and prioritize transportation improvement areas within and around Fostoria.
- Improvement areas (corridors) are a minimum of 500' wide that could hold 3 or more alignments

Study Process:

- Stakeholder coordination
- Goal and Objective Development
- Data Collection
- Purpose and Need Determination
- Alternative Identification and Evaluation
- Alternative Refinement
- Recommendations and Strategic Plan



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Goals and Objectives

- Consider the cost of construction;
- Consider economic development potential;
- Balance travel time and distance;
- Minimize farmland impacts;
- Minimize ecological impacts (e.g. floodplains, wetlands and streams);
- Reuse existing alignments;
- Reuse existing structures;
- Incorporate other currently programmed projects;
- Complete linkage to other routes;
- Provide access and connectivity;
- Meet the traffic demands;
- Improve safety at railroad crossings;
- Consider county, city, and township comprehensive plans; and
- Provide general safety benefits for local residents and businesses.



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Next Steps

- Lay out a single source planning document to guide the development of Fostoria's Transportation System.
- Document the strategic plan to prioritize and fund recommendations from this plan.
- Present the plan to Stakeholder Group for approval
- Begin further project development of the top ranked corridor(s)



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Study Area Problems

- Safety concerns and travel delays with at-grade railroad crossings;
 - 20 at-grade railroad crossings
 - Crossings impact safety, emergency services, and community access
- Safety concerns with the roadways throughout and around Fostoria; and
 - 61 of 70 intersections have crash rates higher than the state mean
 - Turning radii of 5 intersections do not meet ODOT standards for trucks
 - Insufficient lane and shoulder widths for trucks
- Safety concerns and economic disadvantages with the downtown traffic signals and patterns
 - Federal and state routes serve commercial and industrial activity through residentially zoned areas



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- 2 Lane Roadway
- May or may not use existing roadway alignment
- At grade intersections
- RR grade separations
- Partially limited access control
- 65 mph design speed
- 55 mph posted speed
- 80' r/w, 12' lanes, 10' shoulders

