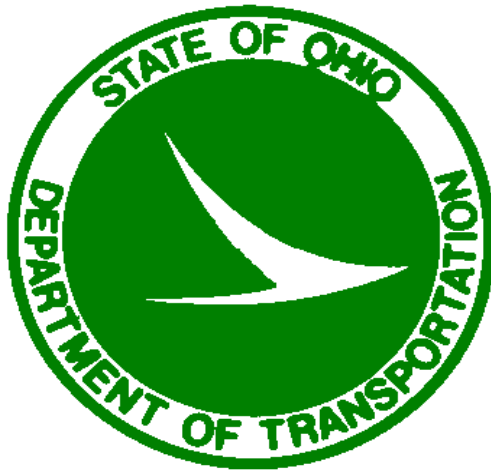


PUBLIC MEETING INFORMATION PACKAGE

WALES ROAD
RAILROAD GRADE SEPARATION PROJECT
(WOO-Wales Rd.)
PID 78877



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6000 Wales Rd.
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April 5, 2006
4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Project Description

Wales Road is the primary east-west road in the City of Northwood that connects IR 75 with IR 280. It currently carries 2900 vehicles per day at the intersection with Drouillard Road. Drouillard Road is the northern extension of Main Street in the Village of Walbridge as it runs into the City of Northwood. It currently carries an average of 5900 vehicles per day at this location. Both Roadways are classified as Urban Minor Arterials.

The Norfolk-Southern (NS) Railroad tracks currently carry approximately 100 trains per day at this location. The Freight trains may travel at speeds up to 60 mph and passenger trains may travel at speeds up to 79 mph on this section of track. There are currently three (3) railroad tracks with the potential for four (4) tracks. The CSX Railroad tracks currently carry approximately 60 trains per day at this location and average 15 mph at the crossing. There are currently two (2) railroad tracks with the potential for three (3) tracks at this location.

Due to the high number of trains and cars at this location, substantial delays and possible safety conflicts, this location was selected for inclusion in the Governor's Railroad Grade Separation Program.

The project has looked at various possibilities, and after evaluating many alternatives and holding a public meeting in 2003, the Preferred Alternative has been developed. The Preferred Alternative will include:

- Elimination of the grade crossing at Wales Road and the NS track.
- Elimination of the grade crossing at Drouillard Road and the NS track.
- Elimination of the grade crossing at Wales Road and the CSX track.
- Relocation of Drouillard Road north of the existing Wales Road location.
- Acquisition of one (1) residential property.
- Impacts to 15 properties.

The construction project is anticipated to begin in 2009 and will require 24 months to complete. Traffic on Wales Road and Drouillard Road will be maintained for the majority of the construction project, however, a closure of Wales Road will be required for the final phase of construction.

Anyone wishing to submit comments concerning the Wood-Wales Road Railroad Grade Separation project may do so by submitting the comment sheet at the end of this packet during this meeting or by mailing the comment sheet to the Ohio Department of Transportation, Office of Planning and Programs, 317 East Poe Rd., Bowling Green, Ohio 43402. The Final date for submission of comments is April 19, 2006. You may also submit your comments directly from our Web Page at:

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