State Route 8 Corridor
Northern Summit County’s Path to Success
State Route 8 corridor work description

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10 projects — $262 million

With its close proximity to Akron and Cleveland, the SR 8 corridor in Summit County has seen major economic growth. This once rural roadway has undergone significant improvements to meet growing traffic needs as the corridor has developed. Now it is time for District 4 of the Ohio Department of Transportation to put the final touches on the improvements to this major developing corridor, as well as maintain its enhancements which were made years ago.

The first phase of the “Missing Link” projects which will transform SR 8 into a nonstop route from Akron to I-271 is currently underway. This $91 million dollar project, the largest in the history of District 4, includes the removal of a signalized intersection at Twinsburg Road and the addition of ramps which will provide motorists direct access to I-271 from SR 8 with no intersections. This project is set for completion in the summer of 2010.

Four more construction projects are scheduled to begin in 2008 on SR 8. These include, a sign replacement project spanning from Perkins Street in Akron to Graham Road in Cuyahoga Falls, and a widening project at the Steels Corners Road interchange, which will include improvements to the Allen Road, Hudson Drive and Steels Corners road intersection. The other projects include a deck overlay and minor structural repairs to the bridge over North Street in Akron and a diamond grinding project from Graham Road to SR 303 to improve the concrete driving surface. Also beginning in the spring of 2008 is a project located just to the east of SR 8 in Macedonia, the widening of SR 82 with the replacement of the existing railroad bridge.

The last phase of the “Missing Link” projects will begin construction in Spring 2009. This project will create an improved interchange at the Ohio Turnpike, which will include Boston Mills Road and Hines Hill Road, eliminating these intersections from SR 8. Other projects kicking off in 2009 along the SR 8 corridor include resurfacing through the city of Cuyahoga Falls, resurfacing in Macedonia and Northfield Center Township, and the creation of a new interchange at Seasons Road.
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During the next few years, the SR 8 corridor will see numerous improvements as well as ODOT’s “fix it first” approach by maintaining the corridor. Once the barrels are cleared away, motorists will find a less congested and a much smoother ride navigating them through Summit County.
2008-2009 Summit County SR 8 Corridor
(Projects appear in start date order)
Project Descriptions

1. Reconstruction of SR 8 from just north of I-271 to just south of Twinsburg Road.
   Start: Winter 2007    Completion: Summer 2010

2. Upgrade and replace signs on SR 8 from Graham Road to Perkins Street.
   Start: Spring 2008    Completion: Summer 2008

3. Reconstruction and widening Steels Corners Road from SR 8 to the Steels Corners Road/Allen Road/Hudson Drive intersection.
   Start: Spring 2008    Completion: Fall 2009

4. Widening SR 82 to five lanes from South Bedford Road to just east of Crow Drive with the replacement of a railroad bridge and a culvert over Indian Creek.
   Start: Spring 2008    Completion: Fall 2009

5. Deck overlay of the SR 8 bridge over North Street.
   Start: Spring 2008    Completion: Fall 2008

6. Minor repairs and diamond grinding to the existing concrete pavement from SR 303 to Graham Road.
   Start: Fall 2008   Completion: Summer 2009

7. Resurfacing SR 8 from the northern corporation limit of Akron to the northern corporation limit of Cuyahoga Falls.
   Start: Spring 2009    Completion: Fall 2009

8. Construct a new interchange at SR 8 and the Ohio Turnpike.
   Start: Spring 2009    Completion: Fall 2011
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Start: Spring 2009    Completion: Fall 2011

Construction of a new interchange at SR 8 and Seasons Road.
Start: Late Fall 2008    Completion: Late Fall 2009

Resurfacing SR 8 from the Macedonia corporation limit to Northfield Center.
Start: Spring 2009    Completion: Summer 2009
1. State Route 8—Phase 1 (Interchange at I-271)

Start Date: Spring 2007
Completion Date: Summer 2010
Total Cost: $120 million

Project Description: Reconstruction of SR 8 from just north of I-271 to just south of Twinsburg Road. Project includes the removal of signalized intersection at Twinsburg Road and the addition of ramps which will provide direct access to I-271 from SR 8 with no intersections.

Maintenance of Traffic:
There will be various lane restrictions on SR 8 during non-peak traffic periods. Twinsburg Road at SR 8 is closed until late fall 2009. A detour is posted. Access to and from SR 8 will be maintained on I-271 throughout the project, with through traffic on I-271 reduced to one
the project, with through traffic on I-271 reduced to one lane in each direction. Access to all residences and establishments will be maintained throughout construction.
2. State Route 8 (Sign Replacements)

Start Date: Spring 2008  
Completion Date: Summer 2008  
Total Cost: $350,000

Project Description: Upgrade and replace signs on SR 8 from Graham Road in Cuyahoga Falls to Perkins Street in Akron.

Maintenance of Traffic: There will be various lane restrictions on SR 8 at non-peak traffic periods. Access to all residences and establishments will be maintained throughout construction.
Residents and establishments will be maintained throughout construction.
3. State Route 8 (Steels Corners Improvements)

Start Date: Spring 2008  
Completion Date: Fall 2009  
Total Cost: $7.4 million

Project Description: Reconstruct and widen Steels Corners Road from SR 8 to the Steels Corners Road/Allen Road/Hudson Drive intersection. The project includes the reconstruction of the existing ramps at SR 8, the Steels Corners Road bridge over SR 8 and both Hudson Drive and Allen Road at the intersection of Steels Corners Rd.

Maintenance of Traffic:
A minimum of two lanes of traffic will be maintained in each direction on SR 8 during peak traffic periods. A minimum of one lane of traffic will be maintained in each direction during non-peak periods. Reconstruction of the SR 8 ramps, the Steels Corners Road bridge over SR 8, Steels Corners Road, Hudson Drive and Allen Road.
the Steels Corners Road bridge over SR 8, Steels Corners Road, Hudson Drive, and Allen Road will be done with part-width construction. Access to all residences and establishments will be maintained throughout construction.
4. State Route 82 (Widening Bridge Reconstruction)

**Start Date:** Spring 2008  
**Completion Date:** Fall 2009  
**Total Cost:** $19.2 million

**Project Description:** Widening of SR 82 to five lanes from South Bedford Road to just east of Crow Drive with the replacement of a railroad bridge and a culvert over Indian Creek. The project also includes drainage improvements, traffic controls and signal improvements.

**Maintenance of Traffic:** Reconstruction of SR 82 will be done with part-width construction, however, there will be short term, temporary, nighttime closures of SR 82 for the placement of bridge beams for the new railroad bridge. The SR 82 side streets of Valley View Road, North Bedford Road, Park Avenue, and Crow
Side streets of Valley View Road, North Bedford Road, Park Avenue, and Crow Drive will be closed for a period of time during the project. Detours will be provided. Access to all establishments and residences will be maintained during the project.
5. State Route 8 (Bridge over North Street)

Maintenance of Traffic: One lane traffic in either direction of SR 8 will occur weekends (Friday night through early Monday morning) throughout the project. The SR 8 northbound entrance ramp from Perkins Street will be closed during the weekends that SR 8 northbound traffic is reduced to one lane. A detour

Start Date: Spring 2008
Completion Date: Fall 2008
Total Cost: $5.1 million

**Project Description:** Deck overlay of the SR 8 bridge over North Street, railroads, and the Little Cuyahoga River. The project includes minor structural repairs to the bridge.
closed during the weekends that SR 8 northbound traffic is reduced to one lane. A detour will be posted. Access to all residences and establishments will be maintained throughout construction.
6. State Route 8 (Diamond Grinding)

Start Date: Fall 2008  
Completion Date: Summer 2009  
Total Cost: $5.7 million

Project Description: Minor repairs and diamond grinding to the existing concrete pavement from SR 303 to Graham Road. The project includes miscellaneous work to eight bridges including two over Mud Brook, one over Hampshire Road, the bike path over SR 8, over SR 303, over the northbound ramp from Akron Cleveland Road, over Hudson Drive and over Barlow Road.

Maintenance of Traffic: There will be various lane restrictions on SR 8 during non-peak traffic periods. Access to all residences and establishments will be maintained throughout construction.
tained throughout construction.
Start Date: Spring 2009  
Completion Date: Fall 2009  
Total Cost: $10.8 million  
Project Description: Resurfacing of SR 8 from the northern Cuyahoga Falls corporation limit (Graham Road) to Akron (Howe Avenue). The project includes minor work to eleven bridges:
- The off-ramp from SR 8 southbound to Broad Street;
- The Portage Trail on-ramp to SR 8 southbound;
- The off-ramp from SR 8 northbound to Portage Trail;
- Over the Cuyahoga River;
- The pedestrian bridge over SR 8;
- Hudson Drive over SR 8;
- Portage Trail over SR 8;
- Over Howe Avenue;
- Over Broad Boulevard;
- Bailey Road over SR 8; and
- Front Street over SR 8.

Maintenance of Traffic: There will be various lane restrictions on SR 8 during non-peak traffic periods. Access to all residences and establishments will be maintained throughout construction.
8. State Route 8-Phase 2 (Interchange at Ohio Turnpike)

**Start Date:** Spring 2009  
**Completion Date:** Fall 2011  
**Total Cost:** $90.7 million

**Project Description:** Construction of a new interchange at SR 8 and the Ohio Turnpike which completes the elimination of intersections along SR 8. The project includes the resurfacing of a two-mile stretch of SR 8 from just north of SR 303 to just south of Twinsburg Road, the construction of five new bridges, and the creation of a half-mile connector roadway, linking Boston Mills Road to SR 303.

**Maintenance of Traffic:**  
There will be various lane restrictions on SR 8 during non-peak traffic periods. Boston Mills Road at SR 8 will be closed for a portion of the project (approximately 12 months). A detour will be posted. Hines Hill Road at SR 8 will be closed for a short duration of
Hill Road at SR 8 will be closed for a short duration of the project (approximately 1 month). A detour will be posted. Access to all residences and establishments will be maintained throughout construction.
9. Seasons Road Interchange

**Start Date:** Late Fall 2008  
**Completion Date:** Late Fall 2009  
**Total Cost:** $15.1 million

**Project Description:** Construction of a new interchange at SR 8 and Seasons Road. The project will include entrance and exit ramps for both directions on SR 8.

**Maintenance of Traffic:** A minimum of two lanes of traffic will be maintained in each direction during peak traffic hours. A minimum of one lane of traffic will be maintained on SR 8 in each direction during non-peak hours. Seasons Road will be closed throughout the duration of the project. Traffic will be detoured via Hudson
Road will be closed throughout the duration of the project. Traffic will be detoured via Hudson Drive to Steels Corners Road to Wyoga Lake Road to Seasons Road. Access to all residences and establishments will be maintained throughout construction.
10. State Route 8 Resurfacing (Macedonia/Northfield)

**Start Date:** Spring 2009  
**Completion Date:** Summer 2009  
**Total Cost:** $1.7 million

**Project Description:** Resurfacing SR 8 from SR 82 to the Village of Northfield southern limit.

**Maintenance of Traffic:** A minimum of one lane of traffic will be maintained in each direction on SR 8 at all times. Access to all residences and establishments will be maintained throughout construction.
Establishments will be maintained throughout construction.

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