



**US Route 224 (Boardman-Canfield Road)/State
Route (SR) 11 Interchange Modification Project
Public Involvement Meeting
February 10, 2011**

**Summary of Public Comments and Responses to
Comments**

**MAH-224-13.68
PID 85245**

September 20, 2011

An open house public involvement meeting was conducted for the project on February 10, 2011, from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm at the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) Mahoning County Maintenance Facility located at 401 W. Main Street, Canfield, Ohio. Environmental studies and displays were presented to the public depicting the proposed US 224/SR 11 improvement project. Representatives from the Ohio Department of Transportation and Eastgate Regional Council of Governments were available to discuss the project and address questions.

Public officials, business/property owners and interested citizens were invited to attend the public involvement meeting by direct letter, dated January 28, 2011. The general public was informed of the public involvement meeting by news release in the local newspapers, the Youngstown Vindicator and Warren Tribune Chronicle, and through coverage on local television and radio stations resulting from a news release issued by ODOT, District 4 Office of Public Information on January 28, 2011.

Seventeen (17) people attended the open house public involvement meeting. An informational handout was provided to all attendees along with a comment form for written comments. Oral comments and questions were addressed by representatives from the Ohio Department of Transportation and Eastgate Regional Council of Governments.

Two (2) oral comments were received during the public involvement meeting. One (1) area property owner, Michal Naffah, expressed concern regarding the turn restriction at the US 224/Ironwood Boulevard intersection. Two (2) other area residents inquired about the stopping sight distance on South Raccoon Road, north of US 224, meeting current design criteria.

Turn Restriction - The turn restriction was placed in accordance with the ODOT State Highway Access Management Manual. ODOT considered the possibility to install a traffic signal at this intersection location at the time the ODOT R/W use permit was issued for the construction of Ironwood Blvd. At that time, the applicant, Mr. Naffah, was notified that the installation of a traffic signal would not be permitted at the US 224/Ironwood Boulevard intersection due to its proximity with the existing traffic signal at the US 224/Raccoon Road intersection.

Sight Distance- The stopping sight distance on South Raccoon Road north of US 224 was evaluated to determine whether the crest vertical curve north of the intersection meets current design criteria as it relates to the anticipated southbound queue lengths at the US 224/Raccoon Road intersection. Based on the project design speed of 45 mph, the required stopping sight distance is 360 feet. The measured stopping sight distance is 379 feet. Therefore, the stopping sight distance criterion for the queue is met and no additional work is proposed along the north approach of the Raccoon Road/US 224 intersection. ODOT advised the Mahoning County Engineer's Office of the stopping sight distance in relation to the driveways.

Additionally, one (1) written comment was received during the public involvement meeting and the public comment period that concluded on March 4, 2011.

The following is a summary of that received written comment and responses to the comment submitted during the public comment period.

No.	Comment	Response
David J. Mastrostefano, Sheetz, Inc. (comment sheet) 2-23-2011		
1	<p>Supports the proposed project.</p> <p>Is concerned that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The right/left turn in and right-turn out to/from US 224 (Canfield-Boardman Road) is maintained. 2. The right-of-way take at the corner of the Sheetz, Inc. property will affect visibility of the Sheetz sign. 3. The widening of Raccoon Road will require Sheetz customers to cross over more than one lane entering and exiting the premises. 4. The entrance off Raccoon Road is maintained as a full access entrance. 5. All entrances are maintained at all times during construction. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) The right/left turn in and right-turn out to/from US 224 (Canfield-Boardman Road) will be maintained. 2) The sign will be relocated to provide maximize visibility as reasonably practical. 3) Comment noted. 4) The Raccoon Road drive will be maintained as full access. 5) Access to the property will be maintained during construction to the maximum extent practicable.