



PUBLIC COMMENT INSTRUCTIONS



The purpose of this public hearing is to share information about the Environmental Assessment (EA) and project information for the **U.S. Route 62 (US 62) Roadway Improvement Project (STA-62-24.05; PID 100824)** located in Plain Township, Stark County, and to obtain feedback from the public. ODOT is accepting comments on the EA and the project in general until August 27, 2018.

ODOT wants to hear from you! You may speak with a member of the ODOT team at any time tonight; however, to have your comments officially entered into the record, you must use one of the three (3) methods outlined below. Each method of submitting a formal comment carries equal weight.

1. **You may speak tonight:** Once ODOT's presentation has concluded, the public will be offered a chance to provide comments regarding this project. Any member of the public is permitted to speak but must complete a registration card at the registration table. All comments made during the formal comment period will be recorded by a court stenographer and become part of the public record. Note: Questions will not be addressed during the formal public comment period; however, ODOT will issue a written response to all comments received at the conclusion of the August 27, 2018 comment period. The comments and responses will be made available to the public at a later date.

2. **You may provide your comment to a court stenographer in private tonight:** If you do not want to present before the audience, you may speak in private to a court stenographer and your comment will become part of the public record. The court stenographer will be available at the conclusion of the formal open microphone public comment period to take your comment in a private setting. To take advantage of this option, you must complete a registration card at the registration table prior to the end of tonight's public hearing.

3. **You may submit your comment in writing:**

a. **Tonight** (by dropping your form in the comment box)

b. **Mail** (postmarked no later than August 27, 2018) to:

Brian Peck, Environmental Specialist
ODOT District 4
2088 S. Arlington Road
Akron, OH 44306
(330) 786-4931

c. **Email** (received no later than August 27, 2018) to: Brian.Peck@dot.ohio.gov

(See back of this sheet for speaking guidelines)



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GUIDANCE FOR SPEAKING:

- Speakers will only be called during their designated time
 - Only the moderator may call speakers
 - Speakers may not call other speakers
- Speakers may not give away, assign or yield unused time
- **When called by the moderator**, proceed to the microphone and provide the following information:
 - For the record, ***state your name and address***
 - ***Summarize your main points and present new or relevant information***
 - Please keep comments relevant to the project for which the hearing is being held
 - Please make your comments/concerns as specific as possible
 - You may follow-up your spoken comments with written comments, if you wish
(This is not a requirement and will not give your spoken comments any more weight)
- **Speakers will be given 3 minutes** to give their statement
 - At the end of 3 minutes, speakers will be asked to conclude their statement
- Once all registered speakers have presented, ODOT will ask if anyone else would like to register to speak. If there are no additional speakers, speakers who previously presented will be permitted to speak for an additional three (3) minutes, if they choose.