What changes will be made to the intersection of State Route 16 and River Road?
The proposed changes will be to close the access on the northern leg of the intersection and build a cul-de-sac. The change will result in travelers using the SR 16/661 interchange to access the section of River Road north of SR 16. In the past seven years (2011 – 2017), there have been nine crashes at this intersection involving vehicles slowing down on SR 16 westbound to turn right onto River Road. The proximity of the State Route 16/State Route 661 interchange will allow drivers to access the section of River Road north of State Route 16. Improvements are being made to the State Route 661 and River Road intersection to allow for easier traffic movements. There are no changes proposed to the southern leg of the intersection and that portion of the intersection will remain in the existing condition.

What aesthetic treatments will be made as part of the project?
The details are being finalized in conjunction with the Village of Granville and Granville Township. A stacked stone liner is proposed on the upper section of the bridge and a laid block liner for the lower section of the bridge similar to the concrete aesthetics used at State Route 16 and Thornwood Crossing. In addition, decorative street signs will be erected. Details regarding fence type still need to be finalized.

What pedestrian and/or bicycle accommodations are being proposed as part of the project?

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Were roundabouts considered at the ramp intersections of the interchange?
Roundabouts were evaluated in the planning phase of the project. The roundabouts were removed from further evaluation due to the higher potential for right-of-way impacts. Also, roundabouts require a relatively flatter grade and are not recommended where the grade of the roadway is 4 percent or greater. The grade of State Route 37 and 661 through the interchange area is 5.5 percent.

What if my property is impacted by the project?

The current estimated cost of the project is $100,000 for the right-of-way acquisition and $8,500,000 for the construction. The project is funded by the Ohio Department of Transportation and the Licking County Area Transportation Study (LCATS).
LEGEND

- EXISTING R/W
- EXISTING L/A R/W
- AREA LIMITS FOR CONSTRUCTION

BRIDGE TYPICAL SECTION - LOOKING NORTHBOUND

LIC S.R. 37/661/16 INTERCHANGE
4-LANE BRIDGE OPTION (ODOT PREFERRED)