

The MUS/COS 16 project is considered a Tier 2 project by the Transportation Review Advisory Council (TRAC). At this time this project has been put on hold due to fiscal constraints and new legislation which prevent the Ohio Department of Transportation from undertaking additional major new projects before starting construction on all of the Tier 1 TRAC projects.

The TRAC was created by the Ohio General Assembly in 1997. The TRAC's main function is to determine which large projects ODOT will pursue by prioritizing the projects as either Tier 1 or Tier 2. Tier 1 projects are those that have designated construction funding. Tier 2 projects are those that do not have construction funding, but are in some phase of project development. No construction funds have been secured for the construction of the Muskingum/Coshocton State Route 16 project and the earliest that construction funds could become available is beyond 2014. Consequently, the Muskingum/Coshocton State Route 16 improvement project falls into the Tier 2 category.

The Ohio Department of Transportation is facing challenging financial circumstances and is in the process of reviewing all of the previous funding commitments. As a result we have informed our consultant to halt work on the Muskingum/Coshocton State Route 16 improvement project until such time that the TRAC makes a determination on how to move forward. When we receive specific direction for this project we will send out notification to those citizens on the MUS/COS 16 mailing list. If you have been receiving notifications in the past from ODOT on this project you are already included in the mailing list. If you would like to be part of the mailing list for the MUS/COS 16 project please contact Amy Toohey @ atoohy@dot.state.oh.us or (740) 323-5191.

Thank you for your continued cooperation and participation with the development of this project. We look forward to contacting you as soon as updated information becomes available.