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4	<p><u>Methods of resolving slope instability:</u></p> <p>A total of sixteen (16) public comments provided input regarding the use of retaining walls or soil bioengineering.</p> <p>Fourteen (14) comments stated that using a soil bioengineering method for the east slope, or west retaining wall if necessary, would be preferred.</p> <p>Two (2) comments stated that there was no preference as to which method was used.</p> <p>For additional information, refer to the memorandum <i>315 Slope Stabilization Update Newsletter</i>.</p>	<p>The retaining wall systems and soil bioengineering methods were considered based on the site conditions obtained from site study and field reconnaissance. Further geotechnical investigations and evaluations will be required to determine the most appropriate method or methods to stabilize the slopes.</p>



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<p>5</p>	<p><u>Truck traffic along SR 315:</u> A total of thirteen (13) comments requested that truck traffic be limited or restricted on SR 315.</p>	<p>SR 315 is classified as an urban minor arterial. A function of urban minor arterials is to provide mobility for the through movement of traffic. SR 315 interconnects and supplements principal arterials.</p> <p>Load limits on highways are defined by Chapter 5577 of the Ohio Revised Code (ORC). The only sections that address load reductions on state highways are sections 5577.07 and 5591.42.</p> <p>Section 5577.07(A) allows for a maximum reduction of 25% during the “period of thawing or excessive moisture”. Therefore any reduction would be a “seasonal reduction”.</p> <p>Section 5591.42 allows for a reduction of a roadway when “...the safe carrying capacity of any such bridge is ascertained and found to be less than the load limit prescribed by sections 5577.01 to 5577.12...”. There are no structures on SR315 that meet this criteria.</p> <p>ODOT is obligated to keep all state highways open to all vehicles of legal size and weight. The consultants hired by ODOT have found no evidence of damage on the roadway due to trucks, the noted slip areas are due to erosion and Geotechnical issues. A load reduction on SR315 would prohibit delivery and moving trucks from accessing residents’ homes.</p>
<p>6</p>	<p><u>Vehicle speeds along SR 315:</u> Two (2) comments requested that law enforcement be increased to reduce the speeds of trucks and passenger vehicles on SR 315.</p>	<p>The State Highway Patrol and Delaware County Sheriff’s Office are responsible for speed enforcement along SR 315 within the project area.</p>



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7	<u>Traffic through The Retreat development:</u> Three comments were concerned about the possibility of traffic cutting through The Retreat during construction.	When temporary closures of SR 315 are required, a detour plan directing traffic around the closure will be provided. The detour plan will not include directing traffic through The Retreat.
8	<u>Existing signal timing at the SR 315/SR 750 intersection:</u> Three comments stated that the existing signal timing at the SR 315/SR 750 intersection should be improved.	Comment has been noted.
9	<u>Left turn lane at Jewett Road:</u> Two comments stated that a left turn lane on northbound SR 315 should be constructed at the Jewett Road intersection.	Comment has been noted.
10	<u>Drainage and erosion issues along the west side of SR 315:</u> Two comments suggested that drainage and erosion issues along the west side of SR 315 should be reviewed and improved.	This project will improve the existing drainage system along the west side of SR 315, specifically in the vicinity of driveways. Existing culvert and storm sewer systems will be improved.
11	<u>Proposed left turn lane width at SR 315:</u> One comment stated that a 12' left turn lane, instead of 10', would be preferred due to safety concerns.	Comment has been noted. If a turn lane is included in the preferred alternative, the proposed typical section will be finalized during the next design phase.
12	<u>Installation of water and sewer lines:</u> One comment requested the consideration of the installation of water and sewer lines along SR 315 between Jewett Road and SR 750.	Installation of water and sewer lines is not included in the proposed project. Questions regarding these utilities should be directed to the local public utility owners.