



# The Ohio Department of Transportation

## US30 & SR89 Intersection Safety Improvement Project

### ASD-30-10.28 (PID 110853)

### Public Involvement Handout

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#### **Purpose of Public Involvement Packet**

This packet of information is being provided to inform adjacent property owners, local officials and all interested citizens of The Ohio Department of Transportation's (ODOT) proposed safety project involving the conversion of the existing US 30 and SR 89 intersection in Mohican Township, Ashland County, to a reduced conflict U-turn (RCUT) intersection. The proposed project is to address safety issues involving crashes and traffic movements within the intersection. By distributing this information, ODOT is providing an opportunity for the public to participate in the decision-making process for this project through the review of the project information and offering comments regarding the proposed improvements.

#### **Format of Public Involvement**

To protect the health of all Ohio citizens, and in accordance with the state of Ohio's "Stay at Home" order, ODOT will not have an in-person public meeting for this project. Instead, we are sending you this packet of information to solicit comments and concerns on the proposed project. Within this packet, you will find information pertaining to the project. You will find a comment sheet with questions and space to provide comment on the project. Within the comment sheet, you will also find a link to our project specific web page that provides additional information and exhibits that can be viewed. We encourage you to leave comments directly on the web page if that would be more convenient.

#### **History of the Intersection**

This intersection has a history of angle and left turn crashes, which typically result in more severe injuries, especially on high speed roads such as US 30. Several low-cost signing and pavement marking improvements have been implemented over the years to address these crash patterns. However, angle crashes resulting in a high percentage of injuries continue to occur. This intersection was ranked #192 on ODOT's 2017 Rural Intersection list and #218 on ODOT's 2016 Rural Intersection list. This intersection was also ranked #12 on the statewide 4-lane at-grade unsignalized intersection listing. From 2013-2017, there were 15 crashes including: 9 injury crashes and 6 property damage only crashes. There were 13 (87%) angle crashes and 2 (13%) backing related crashes. Some of the safety measures that have been taken to date include:

- Dual stop ahead warning signs with yellow reflective post strips
- Dual, oversized, Stop signs with red reflective post strips and 'Divided Highway' signs
- Yield signs in the median area to encourage drivers to cross US 30 in two steps (one direction at a time)

#### **Purpose and Need for the Project**

The purpose of this project is to provide a safer traveling environment by reducing the number of conflict points at the intersection of US 30 and SR 89, and to reduce vehicle delay.

#### **Project Description**

The recommended improvement involves converting the existing US 30 and SR 89 intersection to a reduced conflict U-turn (RCUT) intersection. The estimated project cost is \$1.65 million.

#### **Maintenance of Traffic during Construction**

Construction of the RCUT is anticipated to be completed in the summer of 2021. A single-lane closure of westbound and eastbound lanes along US30 will occur using drums. State Route 89 will be detoured for a 90-day construction duration as follows:

- State Route 89 northbound – SR 95 westbound to SR 179 northbound to Hayesville then SR 60 northbound to SR 42 northbound to US 250 eastbound to SR 89 northbound.
- State Route 83 southbound – This detour route is the reverse of the State Route 89 northbound detour route.

Emergency access will always be maintained through the project during construction.

### **Environmental Considerations**

All appropriate environmental studies will be completed prior to final design of the project.

### **Time Schedule**

Project development schedule:

- Design, 2020-2021
- Right of Way, 2020-2021
- Utility Relocations, 2021
- Construction, 2021

### **Comments**

Please review the packet of information included in the letter and provided your input on the enclosed comment sheet. Within the comment sheet, there is also a link to our project specific web page that will have additional information and exhibits that can be viewed. We encourage you to leave comments directly on the web page if that would be more convenient than returning the enclosed comment sheet.

### **The Next Step**

Comments from the public outreach will be compiled and reviewed as part of the public involvement process. ODOT will take all comments into consideration during the plan preparation process and a response will be provided to all written comments.

**Thank you for participation in this important project meeting.**

*Any person who believes that he or she has been denied the benefits of, excluded from participating in or otherwise discriminated against, may file a formal complaint in writing to the Ohio Department of Transportation, EEO Investigations Office at 1980 West Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43223. All complaints must be filed within 180 days after the date of the alleged act of discrimination.*

*The environmental review, consultation, and other actions required by applicable Federal environmental laws for this project are being, or have been, carried-out by ODOT pursuant to 23 U.S.C. 327 and a Memorandum of Understanding dated June 6, 2018, and executed by FHWA and ODOT.*