

I-475 EAST/WEST IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

LUC-IR475-10.21 Widening (PID 115418)



A Message from the District 2 Deputy Director

As the Ohio Department of Transportation's District 2 Deputy Director, I want to welcome you to the first newsletter for the Proposed I-475 East/West Improvement Project. On behalf of our project team, it is our sincere commitment to you that we will be engaging and informative throughout the life of this study. We will be sharing information to keep you updated, seeking your feedback, listening to your concerns, and answering your questions throughout the project development process. In this regard, information on how to find out more about the project and how to stay connected with the project team can be found in this newsletter and on the project's website. We encourage you to sign up to receive future newsletters and public notices.

*Respectfully,
Pat McColley, P.E., S.I.
District Deputy Director*

PROJECT BACKGROUND

Interstate 475 (I-475) is a major thoroughfare through the Greater Toledo Area. The northern portion of I-475 connects Downtown Toledo to its western neighborhoods and suburbs, including Sylvania, Ottawa Hills, and Holland. Additionally, I-475 serves as a link between the major north-south routes of the United States, including U.S. Route 23 (U.S. 23) to the west and Interstate 75 (I-75) to the east.

In 2007, the Toledo Metropolitan Area Council of Governments (TMACOG) began studying I-475 to create a strategic plan and prioritize improvements for the entire length of I-475 in the Toledo Metropolitan Area. This study laid out certain recommendations, some of which have been constructed and others that are still in development. One of the areas with identified recommendations was the section between U.S. 23 and Douglas Road, an area that was further evaluated by ODOT in 2020 through a Feasibility Study.

This proposed I-475 project will further examine options for improving safety and congestion along this section. I-475 currently has three eastbound and three westbound lanes to the east of Douglas Road, but only two lanes traveling each direction through the proposed project area. As the proposed project progresses, information will be shared with the public and the feedback received will be used in our analysis.

THE PURPOSE AND NEED

The purpose of this project is to reduce congestion and improve mobility and safety throughout the northern I-475 corridor in Lucas County, Ohio. The primary needs for this project should address congestion and safety concerns in the segment between the U.S. 23 interchange and Douglas Road. Crash data along this segment of I-475 from 2019-2021 showed that there were 295 reported crashes.

FUNDING

Funding for the project, including design, right-of-way acquisition, and construction costs, will be determined into 2024 as the project progresses. Funding will likely come through a variety of federal and state resources as well as through local funding sources.

See more on the project website:
transportation.ohio.gov/projects/projects/115418



TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

This project is in the preliminary engineering phase of ODOT's Project Development Process. ODOT is currently studying alternatives and no decisions have been made at this time on a preferred alternative. By using the results of previous study efforts and by gathering public input throughout upcoming project development phases, ODOT's goal is to identify a preferred alternative by the end of 2023. Detailed design and construction phases will follow.

Summer 2022-Fall 2023	Analyze Alternatives
Winter 2023	Recommend Preferred Alternative
Spring 2024	Public Meeting
Spring 2024-Winter 2025	Refine Design
Winter 2024-Spring 2025	NEPA Clearance
Winter 2025	Project Design Complete
Fall 2026	Right-of-Way Acquisition
Winter 2027	Project Sale/Award
Summer 2027-Fall 2030	Construction

STAY CONNECTED!

Project updates will be shared throughout the project development process via Newsletters and the project website. Comments about this project are always welcomed and encouraged! Comments may be submitted via email, phone, mail, or on the project website (see QR Code or web address at the bottom of the page). We encourage you to visit the project website to sign up for our mailing list so you will automatically receive future newsletters.

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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 12/14/2020, executed by FHWA & ODOT.

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PROJECT
WEBSITE!



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