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ODOT, city of Sylvania to hold public meeting regarding U.S. 23 interchange

Proposed project would redesign the interchange at Monroe Street

BOWLING GREEN, Ohio (Friday, April 21, 2023) - The Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) and the city of Sylvania will hold a public meeting to present a proposed project that would redesign the interchange at U.S. 23 with Monroe Street (State Route 51), in Sylvania, Lucas County.

The meeting will be held Tuesday, May 9, 5:30-7:30 p.m., at Sylvania Northview High School cafeteria, 5403 Silica Drive, Sylvania. The meeting is an open-house format. Participants may come at any point during this time.

The proposed project includes:

- Widening and reconstructing Monroe Street between Harroun Road and Acres Road.
- Raising, widening, and replacing the deck of the Monroe Street bridge over U.S. 23.
- Converting the intersection of Alexis Road and Acres Road from a fully-signalized intersection to an unsignalized right-in, right-out movement.
- Realigning the northbound entrance and exit ramps to intersect Monroe Street at Alexis Road, creating a single, four-legged intersection.
- Realigning the southbound entrance ramp to improve safety.
- Constructing two, new bridges to carry the southbound entrance and northbound exit ramps over the Ottawa River.

The purpose of this project is to improve traffic operations and enhance safety for both motorized and non-motorized traffic at the interchange and throughout the Monroe Street corridor. The project is tentatively scheduled to be constructed during the 2025 and 2026 construction seasons.

Environmental, right-of-way, and traffic impacts are anticipated with this project. Exhibits of these anticipated impacts will be available at the public meeting and online immediately following the meeting at the project website: <u>U.S. 23 at Monroe Street</u> Interchange Modification, Sylvania | Ohio Department of Transportation

The project team seeks comments from the public regarding the social, environmental, and economic impacts of this proposed project; and the existence of cultural resources (archaeological, historic, architectural), ecological resources (streams, wetlands, etc.), or hazardous materials (dump sites, underground and above-ground storage tanks, etc.) within the project area.

Comments may be submitted at the meeting, or via email, phone, or mail to the contact below. Although comments regarding the project will be accepted at any time, only those submitted by June 9 will be included in the official public record of the project. Please submit comments **no later than June 9, 2023,** to the following contact:

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Public participation is solicited without regard to race, color, sex, age, national origin, or disability.

Si desea que los materiales para esta reunión son traducidos a español, contacte a Erika Hernandez tan pronto que sea posible a Erika.Hernandez@arcadis.com o por teléfono a 330-515-5686.



Public meeting participants may need to detour to Sylvania Northview High School as a local detour route for the Silica Drive Bridge is in place.