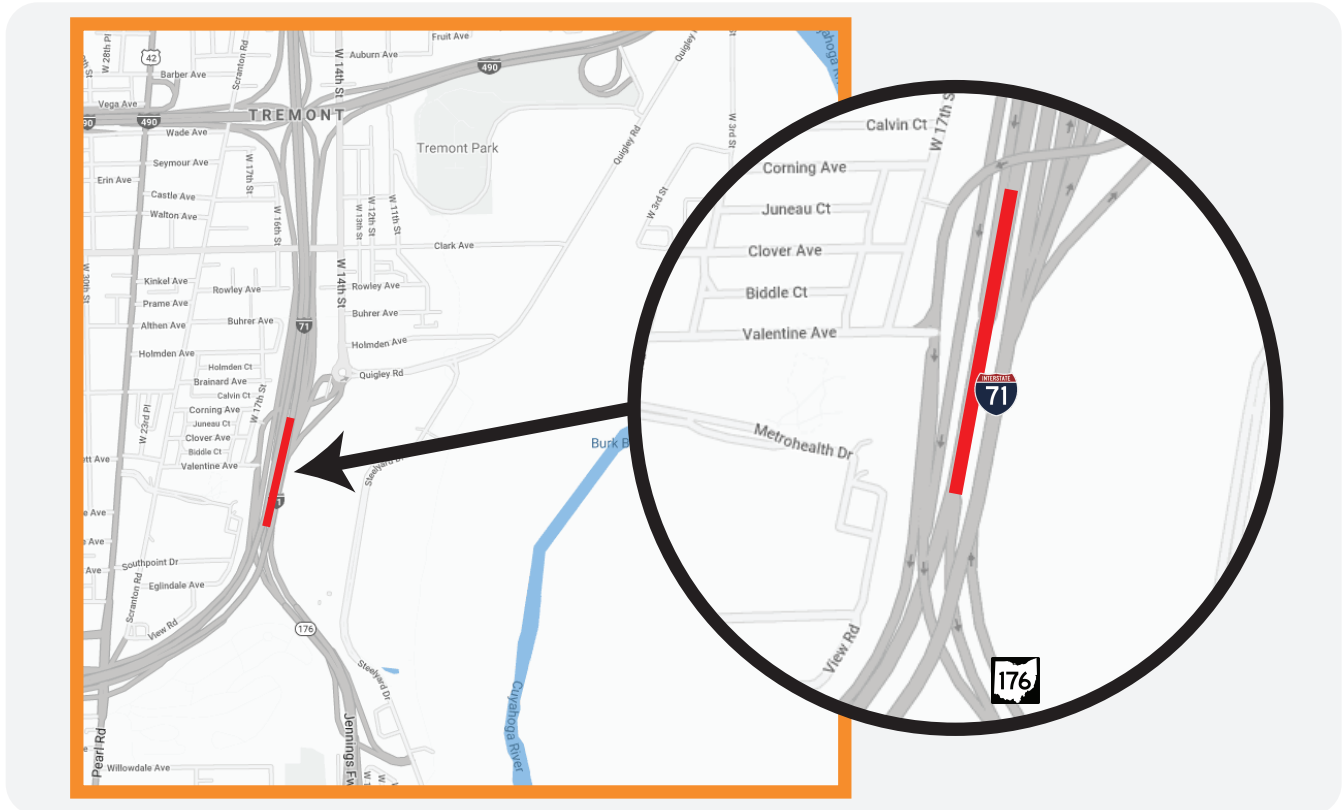


I-71 south improvements at SR 176 south split

The Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) will be improving safety for I-71 south motorists in the vicinity of the SR 176 south split.

In its current configuration, I-71 south motorists must be on alert for the left exit to SR 176 south as there is very little space to decelerate. This project will construct a 1,300-foot deceleration lane to allow vehicles exiting onto SR 176 south to slow down as they approach the existing left exit. Work will occur in the I-71 southbound left shoulder and median.



The deceleration lane construction will also include the addition of a retaining wall between I-71 north and southbound due to the existing steep slope down to Steelyard Commons.

During construction there will be a lane shift along I-71 to allow construction of the deceleration lane pavement. A weekend closure of the I-71 south to SR 176 south ramp may be required to construct the transition between the new and existing pavement. Temporary off-peak lane closures of I-71 southbound may be required for drainage installation.

The project will also install additional safety improvements on the ramps from I-90 east and I-490 west to I-71 south. Work will include installation of a concrete barrier and improved signage to reduce the potential three-lane weaving seen daily from motorists not following the currently signed option of staying right to access SR 176 south from I-90 east and I-490 west.

Work is expected to begin May 11, 2020 and take place during off-peak travel times, including overnight hours, with the intent of reducing the overall construction duration of the project by completing the majority of the work in one construction season.

The project cost is \$4.3 million and will be funded with ODOT safety funding.

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