

The Ohio Department of Transportation



SR4/SR99 Intersection Improvement Project Public Meeting November 28, 2018



Purpose of Public Meeting

This meeting is being held to inform the adjacent property owners, local officials and all interested citizens of The Ohio Department of Transportation's (ODOT) proposal to improve safety at the intersection of State Route 4 and State Route 99/Skadden Road in Erie County. This meeting will provide an opportunity for the public to view the proposed alternatives and offer their comments. The next step in this process is to apply for Safety Funds to design and construct the solution that makes the most sense considering all factors.

Format of the Meeting

This meeting will be an informal, open house style meeting. Interested persons are encouraged to speak with the representatives from ODOT regarding the proposed roadway improvement project.

History of the Intersection

This intersection has appeared on ODOT's Highway Safety Program over the last few years. It was ranked #66 on ODOT's 2014 Rural Intersection List, #209 in 2015, #58 in 2016, and #106 in 2017. Most of the crashes are rear end, angle and left turn crashes with 40% of all crashes resulting in injuries.

Purpose and Need for the Project

The purpose of this project is to provide a safer traveling environment by reducing the number of intersection conflict points and reducing vehicle delay.

Project Description

A previous public meeting held in April 2018 presented three different alternatives: a full intersection closure, a half intersection closure with right-in right-out access, and a right-in right-out alternative. Many of the comments received requested that as much access at the State Route 4 and State Route 99 / Skadden intersection be maintained as possible, including accommodating commercial vehicles and farm equipment.

With that in mind, additional alternatives were considered which maintained access to the intersection, but also removed crossing movements which have previously resulted in angle-type crashes. Therefore, it is now recommended to convert the two-way stop-controlled intersection at State Route 4 and State Route 99/Skadden Road to one of the following two **New Alternatives**:

- **Half Intersection Closure**
 - Removal of State Route 99 from State Route 4 to Portland Road
 - Construct a two-way left turn lane on State Route 4 from Portland Road to Skadden Road
 - Resurface and widen Portland Road from State Route 4 to State Route 99, re-designating State Route 99
 - Install a northbound left turn lane on State Route 4 at Portland Road
 - Modify the intersection of State Route 99 and Portland Road so that it is a three-leg intersection controlled by stop signs on all approaches

- **Roundabout**

- Install a roundabout at the State Route 4 and State Route 99 / Skadden Road intersection
- Re-align the approaches of State Route 99 / Skadden Road to reduce the intersection skew

Maintenance of Traffic during Construction

Construction will be done outside of peak tourist season. One lane in each direction will be maintained along State Route 4, State Route 99, Portland Road, and Skadden Road whenever possible during construction. State Route 4 and other roadways could be closed or restricted during construction, depending on the alternative that is implemented. A signed detour will be put in place for any road closures.

Environmental Considerations

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

Time Schedule

Application for Safety Funds for this project will be in April 2019. If selected for safety funding, construction could start as early as 2022.

Comments

Please review the exhibits and talk with the ODOT representatives. Also, please complete and return the attached comment sheet by December 28, 2018, or e-mail Levi Wingler at levi.wingler@dot.ohio.gov.

The Next Step

Comments from the public meeting 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 attending this important project meeting.

*This meeting is being held in compliance with **Title VI, Section 601 of 42USC 2000(d)** which states that No person in the United States shall be excluded from participation in or otherwise discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, or national origin under any program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance.*

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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 December 11, 2015, and executed by FHWA and ODOT.

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OPEN HOUSE PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT MEETING COMMENT SHEET

November 28, 2018

- Please Print -

Name _____

Address _____

Phone/e-mail _____

Please check the appropriate boxes:

- Property Owner
- Resident in the Project Area
- Business Owner or Employee in the Project Area
- Public Official _____ (Please list Office)
- Law Enforcement/EMS _____ (Please Specify)
- Other _____ (Please Specify)

How often do you travel in the project area? _____

Please comment on the alternatives below:

Alternative, A - Half Intersection Closure

Alternative, B - Roundabout
