



Answers to Questions You, Your Employees and Your Customers May Have.

Q Why is the project necessary?

Currently the corridor is perhaps our most congested road in the City, and it isn't equipped for the growth in traffic to come in the years and decades ahead. The added lanes ensure the corridor can handle the additional vehicles, which are expected to grow on a per-day basis from 21,000 to an estimated 41,000 by 2035, per an AMATS Traffic Study estimate.

Under current conditions, heavy traffic and obscured sightlines make it difficult to make left turns within the corridor. The new traffic patterns that emerge from the roundabouts at Raber Road, Stein Road and SR 619 will make the corridor more efficient and safer for motorists. They will only be able to make direct right turns into and out of businesses along the corridor. To make a left, they would use the closest roundabout as a "U-turn" to head in the opposite direction.

Plus, the addition of walking and bike paths helps encourage a more active lifestyle.

Q How long will the project take?

The Massillon Road North Corridor Improvement Project is expected to be mostly completed by the end of 2021. Some restoration (landscaping) may extend into the spring of 2022.

It's a multiphased project that includes constructing three roundabouts, widening the road to four lanes with a center median, and adding a multipurpose trail on the west side of the road and a traditional sidewalk on the east side.

Q During construction, how will traffic be directed as new lanes are added?

The new southbound lanes will be constructed first. While this is happening, traffic will be maintained on the current road, one lane going north and one going south.

Next will be the reconstruction of the two northbound lanes. While this is happening, traffic will be maintained on the new southbound lanes, with one lane going north and one going south. Signage will be added to direct motorists to businesses along the corridor.

Q How will access to and from my business be affected?

Construction plans ensure that customers and employees can get to places of business at all times. All businesses will have access and egress, though access may be modified depending on the type of work being done. For example, steel plates may be used to maintain access during construction. All businesses will be notified of any changes to their access points throughout construction. In addition, signage will be added as needed to assist motorists with accessing businesses.

Will there be road closures?

We don't anticipate full road closures along Massillon Road. There will be occasional lane closures that still allow traffic to proceed. Raber Road is scheduled to be closed for a short period of time in early 2021. Also, SR 619 will be closed in sections for a limited time in 2021. Portions of SR 619, east and west of Massillon Road, will be closed at different time periods. The closures of Raber Road and SR 619 will not occur at the same time. Businesses and the traveling public will be notified of these closures well in advance.

Raber Road and SR 619 at Massillon Road are both busy intersections. Why are we adding a third roundabout at Stein Road?

Once Massillon Road is widened to four lanes with a center median, motorists can only make a right turn into and out of driveways and businesses along Massillon Road between Raber Road and SR 619. The roundabouts will be used like U-turns to change direction along the corridor. For example, if you are leaving Handel's (and want to go south toward I-77), you will make a right onto Massillon Road, then take the roundabout at Stein Road to reverse direction to go south.

Where can I find up-to-date information?

You can visit cityofgreen.org/241 for the latest updates, along with project-related documents and background information.

Whom can I contact to ask questions or offer suggestions?

We welcome your input! Our project manager is Zachary Kimble with H.R. Gray. By now, he should have communicated with you by phone or in person. Zachary has worked with the City of Green for the last five years on projects and can be found on the worksite or in his field office in the Keller-Williams Plaza. He will also be reaching out to you as the project progresses. He can be reached at **330-432-2088**.

You can also visit the City of Green Engineering Department at 1755 Town Park Blvd. between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. on weekdays. Please note that City offices are closed to walk-in visitors at this time due to COVID-19. Call for an appointment—or with your questions and suggestions—at **330-896-5510**. Or email us at mnorth@cityofgreen.org.

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