

## Join us for Route 23 Connect public meetings!

ODOT is hosting public meetings to summarize public feedback received to date, introduce new project concepts for improvements along U.S. 23, and get your input. Concepts to be discussed range from small changes to fix existing stop-and-go conditions, to larger changes that would create a more freeway-like condition. The concepts use combinations of improvement options that aim to balance more reliable travel times with maintaining local access points along U.S. 23.

We are gathering feedback on:

- Is increasing travel time reliability or maintaining access points more important to you?
- Where along the corridor are you concerned about changes to access?
- Which of the proposed improvements make sense to you?

## **Project Background**

The Route 23 Connect Study focuses on improvements along the U.S. 23 corridor between I-270 and Waldo. This study will develop concepts which will be evaluated to determine an action plan that will identify specific projects that can be advanced into project development. The study concepts range in size and scope, aiming to provide safer and more efficient travel, including improved travel time reliability for through traffic.

Route 23 already has 30% more traffic than the roadway was designed to accommodate, leading to increased congestion, unpredictable travel times, bottlenecks, and higher crash rates. This study will support Columbus as a national logistics hub by strengthening connection and access to northwest Ohio, Michigan, and Canada.

Additional project information and meeting materials are located on the project website here: <a href="mailto:publicinput.com/23Connect">publicinput.com/23Connect</a>

# **In-person Meetings**

In order to ensure all interested members of the public are able to participate, ODOT has scheduled four in-person meetings over a two-week time period. The meetings will be hosted in an open-house format with no formal presentation. The same information will be available at all in-person meetings. Please stop by to provide input at any time during the meeting hours indicated.

### **MEETINGS 1 & 2**

When: Wednesday, November 8, 2023

Times: 12:00 - 2:00 PM & 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Location:

Delaware County Fairgrounds, Ag Building 236 Pennsylvania Avenue, Delaware, OH 43015

#### MEETINGS 3 & 4

When: Tuesday, November 14, 2023

Times: 12:00 - 2:00 PM & 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Location:

Nationwide Hotel and Conference Center, North Carolina Building\*

100 Green Meadows Drive, Lewis Center, Ohio 43035

\*Event venue at SR 750 entrance nearest to U.S. 23

## Online Meetings

All materials displayed at the in-person meetings will also be available on the website. If you are unable to attend an in-person meeting, ODOT will host two online meetings as well. A brief presentation will be given at the beginning of each meeting. Following this presentation, the project team will answer questions from the public.

### **Online Meeting 1**

When: Wednesday, November 15, 2023

Time: 12:00PM

Location: publicinput.com/23Connect | Join by phone at: (855) 925-2801, code: 4637

### Online Meeting 2

When: Thursday, November 16, 2023

**Time:** 6:00PM

Location: publicinput.com/23Connect | Join by phone at: (855) 925-2801, code: 4637

Individuals who require interpretation services or a reasonable accommodation to participate in these meetings should contact Hannah Salem at 740-833-8268 no later than November 1, 2023. Public participation is solicited without regard to race, color, sex, age, national origin, or disability.

### Learn more and submit comments online!

Project information, meeting materials, and an online comment form will be located on the project website here: <a href="mailto:publicinput.com/23Connect">publicinput.com/23Connect</a>

Questions and comments can be submitted on the project website and by mail, email, or phone.

Please submit your comments by December 15, 2023 to be considered during this phase of the study.

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