



# PROJECT INFORMATION SHEET

## Butler Warren Road Improvement (PID 81988)

### Public Meeting - Thursday June 26, 2008

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#### **WELCOME**

Welcome to the public meeting for the Butler Warren Road improvement project. This handout will answer some of the key questions about the project and why we are meeting today. You are encouraged to read through it and browse the exhibits. Representatives from the Ohio Department of Transportation, the Butler County Engineer's Office, the Warren County Engineer's Office and TranSystems are in attendance to answer any questions you may have regarding the project and how the project may affect you. Please consider filling out a comment sheet before you leave, so that we may have a record of your opinions regarding the project. Thank you for attending today's meeting.

#### **WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF TODAY'S MEETING?**

The purpose of today's meeting is to inform you on the details of the proposed roadway improvement. The meeting is being held in an open house format and will detail the benefits to the traveling public and will also describe the potential impacts associated with the proposed project. The meeting will also allow you to ask questions you may have concerning the project and provide input regarding future project development.

#### **WHY IMPROVE BUTLER WARREN ROAD?**

The purpose of this project is to reduce congestion and improve the existing and future mobility of traffic along the section of Butler Warren Road between Tylersville Road and Bethany Road. Land use in the vicinity of Butler Warren Road is rapidly changing from an undeveloped and agricultural land use to residential and commercial land use. April 2004 census data ranked Warren County as the second fastest growing county in Ohio and the Butler County population has increased 5 percent in the last three years. The Southwest Warren County Transportation Study identified Butler Warren Road as being just one important component of a larger, regional transportation system. The ability to reduce regional and local travel time is dependent on improvements in the connectivity, speed, and reliability of both the arterial roadway network and interstate access. Projected transportation system forecasts show increased traffic on all roadways in the project area including Butler Warren Road. Without improvement, the future traffic demand will not be met by the existing roadways currently in place.

#### **WHAT ARE THE TRAFFIC FLOW CONDITIONS ALONG BUTLER WARREN ROAD?**

Traffic flow is generally measured by assigning a level of service (LOS) to intersections and roadway sections. Level of service values range from LOS A to LOS F. LOS A describes excellent traffic flow. LOS F describes heavy congestion. LOS D is considered acceptable for roadways like Butler Warren Road.

Today, according to the Southwest Warren County Transportation Study (September, 2005), the Butler Warren Road intersection at Tylersville Road operates at LOS D, LOS B at the Hamilton Mason Road intersection and LOS C at the Bethany Road Intersection. Butler Warren Road operates at LOS F between Tylersville Road and Hamilton Mason Road and at LOS D between Hamilton Mason Road and Bethany Road. With the continued rapid growth in southwest Warren County and southeast Butler County, the Southwest Warren County Transportation Study has projected that both sections of Butler Warren Road and all three intersections will operate at LOS F during the morning and evening rush hours in the design year 2030.

#### **WHAT IS THE PROPOSED PROJECT?**

The proposed project consists of reconstructing Butler Warren Road from Tylersville Road to Bethany Road. The proposed roadway would consist of a five lane section with a median two-way left turn lane from Tylersville Road to Heritage Club Drive. North of Heritage Club Drive the roadway would consist of a four-lane section to Bethany Road with left turn lanes at Ross Lane and Bethany Road. The new roadway would include integrated curb and gutter and a closed storm sewer system to improve drainage throughout the project area. The project also includes the construction of an eight-foot wide pedestrian/bicycle shared path on the west side of Butler Warren Road from Bethany Road to

Hamilton Mason Road, a ten-foot wide shared path on the west side of Butler Warren Road from Hamilton Mason Road to Tylersville Road and possibly a five-foot wide sidewalk on the east side of Butler Warren Road from Tylersville Road to Hamilton Mason Road depending on public comment.

### **HAVE OTHER ALTERNATIVES BEEN CONSIDERED?**

Yes, four alternatives were considered for development early in the project. Different roadway widths and lane configurations were considered as well as realigning Butler Warren Road to the east and to the west. The proposed alternative was selected for development because it would require less right of way acquisition from the existing residential properties, it reduces utility conflicts and environmental impact on wetlands and streams and minimizes disturbance of the landscaped soil mounds located between Hamilton Mason Road and Bethany Road.

### **HOW WILL THE PROJECT AFFECT MY PROPERTY?**

New right of way from properties along Butler Warren Road will need to be acquired to construct the proposed project. All property owners will be compensated with the fair market value of their property if right of way is acquired. Preliminary project construction limits are shown on the exhibits.

### **HOW WILL THE PROJECT AFFECT THE VOICE OF AMERICA PARK?**

Strip right of way will be acquired from the Voice of America Park. Right of way to be acquired consists of undeveloped mowed field. No existing recreational facilities such as the dog park or ball field will be affected by the acquisition. As part of the project, a ten-foot wide shared use path will be constructed along the length of the park from Tylersville Road to Hamilton Mason Road. The exact location of the path has not been determined though it will be located on parkland within 500 feet of Butler Warren Road.

### **WILL THE PROPOSED PROJECT RESULT IN ANY ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS?**

Environmental impacts associated with the project will be minor. With the widened roadway, existing culverts will need to be extended and there will be minor stream relocations to improve roadway drainage. Stream impact for the entire project will total about 300 feet. Four wetland areas totaling less than 0.08 acre will be affected by the project. A noise analysis prepared for the project determined that noise levels will increase from 2 to 5 decibels along the length of the project. A representative is available to answer any environmental questions you may have concerning the project.

### **WHAT'S NEXT?**

Based on input gathered from today's meeting, ODOT may recommend issues for more detailed study in terms of property, community and environmental impacts. Please fill out the comment sheet for comments or concerns you may have considering the project. Right of way acquisition should begin in the spring of 2009. The project is scheduled to begin construction in the spring of 2011 and should be completed in 2013.

### **HOW CAN I COMMENT ABOUT THE BUTLER WARREN ROAD PROJECT?**

Comments on the proposed project can be made by filling out the attached comment sheet and dropping it in the comment box at today's meeting. You may also mail your comment to:

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Comments on the proposed project will be accepted until July 10, 2008.

For additional project information, visit the ODOT District 8 web page: <http://www.dot.state.oh.us/dist8/>

