



TO: Residents and Businesses in the Yankee Road Area

DATE: June 21, 2017

Notification of Yankee Road Closing and Yankee/Princeton Intersection Closing

The Butler County Engineer's Office wishes to inform you that a significant roadway improvement to Yankee Road is slated to get under way starting July 5. The road will be widened to add capacity and smooth out traffic flow, thereby enhancing motorist safety. In order to facilitate construction, it will be necessary to close Yankee Road between Dutchland Parkway and Princeton Road for five to six months this year. Construction will be suspended for the winter and will resume in spring 2018 with additional closures required. There will be multiple phases that will involve varying closure points, including complete closure of all four legs of the Yankee / Princeton Road intersection for a period of time. Access to various points within and near the construction zone will change depending upon the construction phase.

The Project

The project involves widening Yankee Road between Dutchland Parkway and Princeton Road from two to three lanes --- one lane in each direction with a dedicated center left turn lane; a modern roundabout will be constructed at Yankee and Princeton Road which will involve closing all four legs of the intersection; one bridge will be replaced and another widened which will also mean full closures at those locations; and, adjustments will be made to the roadway's vertical profile. Additionally, sidewalk will be added between Dutchland and Wyandot Lane and signals will be installed at Dutchland and Yankee.

A construction contract for the project has been awarded to Barrett Paving Materials, Inc. of Middletown which submitted a low bid of \$4,071,271. Funding consists of Federal and State grant money plus local Butler County funds.

Phasing, Detours, and Maintenance of Traffic

Yankee Road will be closed to thru traffic between Dutchland Parkway and Princeton Road beginning Wednesday, July 5, 2017. Local access will be maintained for residents and businesses along Yankee Road and to adjoining subdivisions; however, construction will be phased so staging of traffic flow will vary. Phases will be separate and nonconcurrent. Project phasing will be as follows:

Phase 1: All four legs of the Yankee Road / Princeton Road intersection will be closed for roundabout construction. Approximate length of closure: 3 months.

Phase 1 detours: Northbound Yankee Road traffic will detour north on Cincinnati Dayton Road and west on Millikin Road to Yankee. Southbound traffic will reverse this route. Eastbound Princeton Road traffic will detour north on Ohio 747, east on Millikin Road, and south on Cincinnati Dayton Road to Princeton. Westbound traffic will reverse this route.

Phase 2: Yankee Road will be closed half way between Wyandot Lane and Princeton Road for a bridge replacement. Approximate length of closure: 1 month.

Phase 2 detour: Northbound Yankee Road traffic will detour north on Cincinnati Dayton Road and west on Princeton Road to Yankee. Southbound traffic will reverse this route.

Phase 3: Yankee Road will be closed just south of Wyandot Lane for a bridge widening. Approximate length of closure: 2-3 weeks.

Phase 3 detour: Northbound Yankee Road traffic will detour north on Cincinnati Dayton Road and west on Princeton Road to Yankee. Southbound traffic will reverse this route.

Construction will be suspended for the winter and will resume in spring 2018 beginning with Phase 4. All roads will be open through the winter months.

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Phase 4: Wyandot Lane will be closed at the Yankee Road intersection for improvements. Approximate length of closure: 45 days.
Phase 4 detour: There will be no access to Yankee Road from Wyandot Lane during this phase. Motorists will exit and enter the subdivision via Wyandot at Cincinnati Dayton Road or by way of Stonehenge Boulevard.

Phase 5: Widening of Yankee Road from Princeton Road to Dutchland Parkway. All roads will be open to local traffic only. Thru traffic will be rerouted.

Phase 5 detour: Northbound Yankee Road traffic will detour north on Cincinnati Dayton Road and west on Princeton Road to Yankee. Southbound traffic will reverse this route.

All work is tentatively scheduled for completion by mid-June 2018, weather permitting.

Emergency personnel, school bus transportation officials, the post office, and the media have been notified of these upcoming closures. The information is also posted on our web site at www.bceo.org/roadclosings. We apologize for the inconvenience and appreciate your patience.

Who to Contact

While the BCEO makes every effort to keep residents and businesses in a project area informed, we strongly encourage you to check the Road Closings page on our web site as the best source for phasing dates and status changes concerning this project. If you have specific questions about the project, please contact Melissa Taylor in the Construction Department at the Engineer's Office by phone or email: 513-785-4115 or TaylorM@bceo.org.

Your Safety

The BCEO would like to emphasize the importance of proper safety measures during actual construction. Every precaution will be taken to make the construction site as safe as possible. However, we do ask that you and your family be aware of the potential hazards associated with work areas such as this. Please advise everyone to keep out of the construction site as much as possible to reduce the risk of accidents. Your assistance would also be appreciated in reporting any instances of vandalism, including the removal of lights, signs, or barricades. Such acts of vandalism can seriously jeopardize the safety of motorists and pedestrians in the construction area. Please contact our Office or the Butler County Sheriff at 513-785-1300 or 513-424-0469 to report any suspected vandalism.

We realize that construction can create some inconveniences and annoyances, but everything possible will be done to keep these to a minimum during this project. Thanks again for your patience.

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