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Director

THE CITY OF
COLUMBUS
ANDREW J. GINTHER, MAYOR

DEPARTMENT OF
PUBLIC SERVICE

June 13, 2023

Re: Stakeholder Open House for State Route 161 Corridor Improvements – Phase 2
         (Ambleside to Maple Canyon)
         FRA-161-11.73 Ambleside, ODOT Project ID 115797

Dear Property Owner, Resident, or Stakeholder:

The City of Columbus, in cooperation with the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT), would like to invite you to an upcoming open house meeting to discuss proposed improvements to State Route (S.R.) 161 and adjacent service roads in Franklin County. A map with the proposed project limits is attached.

The project is the second phase of a series of projects that will make improvements to S.R. 161, including a 10' shared-use path, safety improvements on the side streets and at the service road intersections. The purpose of this project is to improve safety, access management, and traffic operations.

Improvements include:
- Replace the existing traffic signals at the intersections of S.R. 161 and Tamarack/Sharon Woods Boulevard and Beechcroft Road
- Construct a shared-use path on the north and south side of S.R. 161 between Ambleside Drive and Maple Canyon Avenue
- Improve side streets along Tamarack/Sharon Woods Boulevard and Beechcroft Road
  - Install urban roundabouts
  - Reconstruct, widen, and resurface pavement
  - Replace or install new sidewalk
  - Construct a raised median between SR 161 and the roundabouts, including through the service road intersections
- Curb, curb ramps, street lighting, and storm sewer improvements throughout the project corridor

The project is tentatively scheduled to be constructed during the 2026 and 2027 construction seasons. A public meeting may be held in the future to gather input on the project from the general public.

Environmental studies are ongoing. Permanent right-of-way and temporary right-of-way (for construction) is anticipated to be needed for the project. Utility relocations are also anticipated. Detours are likely and will be determined prior to construction.

To ensure the proposed project is viable and successful, we are asking all those interested to attend and participate in this open house. We want your comments regarding the social, environmental, and economic impacts of this proposed project. Additionally, we would appreciate any information you may have on the existence of cultural resources (archaeological, historic, architectural), ecological resources (streams, wetlands, etc.), or hazardous materials (dump sites, underground and above ground storage tanks, etc.) within the project area.

Open House Meeting Details

When: Thursday, June 29, 2023
               11:00 – 1:00 pm   and/or   4:30 – 6:30 pm

Where: Karl Road Library Branch (meeting rooms 1-2)
               5590 Karl Road
               Columbus, OH 43229

As this is an open house style meeting, you're welcome to stop by whenever is convenient for you between the two times listed above to learn more about the project, chat with project team members, ask questions, and submit your feedback.

All materials provided at the open house will be available on the project website (link below) immediately following the meeting. Included with this letter is a comment form that can be mailed back to the city. Comments may also be submitted via email, phone, or mail to my contact information below. If you are unable to attend the open house, your comments and concerns are still important to us. We ask that all comments be submitted **no later than July 29, 2023,** by one of the following methods:

Project Website: www.publicinput.com/161ambleside

Tiffany Elchert, Project Manager
City of Columbus
111 North Front Street, Columbus, OH 43215
TMElchert@columbus.gov, 614-645-2923

Individuals who require interpretation services or reasonable accommodation to participate in this open house should contact me at 614-645-2923, no later than June 23, 2023. Public participation is solicited without regard to race, color, sex, age, national origin, or disability.

We sincerely appreciate your involvement!

Respectfully,

Tiffany Elchert

Tiffany Elchert
Project Manager

Attachments:

1. Project Area Location Map
2. Comment Form

Project Location Area Map

Project Area

Ambleside Dr.

Karl Rd.

Karl Rd.

Tamarack Blvd.

Sharon Woods Blvd.

Beechcroft Rd.

Maple Canyon Ave.

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