



Public Meeting Announcement

Ohio Department of Transportation, District One, 1885 N. McCullough Street, Lima, OH 45801

The Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) District 1 will conduct an open house public involvement meeting on November 18, 2009 to present and discuss plans to reconstruct I-75 through Lima, OH. The public meeting is scheduled from 5:30 – 7:00 PM at the Lima Senior High School (Commons Area), located at 1 Spartan Way, Lima, OH 45801. Residents, adjacent property owners, businesses, public officials, and anyone who may be interested in this project are invited to attend.

A formal presentation will be made at 5:30 PM, followed by a question and answer period. Displays of the recommended preferred alternative and interchange improvements will be available for viewing throughout the meeting. Project team members will be available to discuss the alternatives and address any questions. Comments regarding this project may be submitted during the public meeting. Written comments may also be submitted by those unable to attend to ODOT District 1 by December 2, 2009 at the address or email below.

If you are unable to attend the meeting but are interested in viewing the information to be presented, you may go to the Allen 75 study website (www.allen75study.com). The website will be updated following the November 18, 2009 meeting. You may also contact Kirk Slusher, ODOT District 1 Planning Administrator following the November 18, 2009 meeting to discuss other alternatives for viewing the presented information.

This project is the reconstruction of I-75 from the Auglaize County line to Stewart Road. The public is being asked to provide comments regarding the proposed improvements to the I-75 mainline and five interchanges (Breese Road, SR 65, Fourth Street, SR309/117, and SR 81). The purpose of the meeting is to present the recommended preferred alternative and detailed interchange improvements and to gather public comments prior to the next phase of the project development process which will involve the engineering design of the preferred alternative.

In addition, ODOT is requesting information regarding the presence of any known cultural resources in the vicinity of the project. This is in compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended (codified as 36 CFR 800). Cultural resources include prehistoric and historic archaeological sites, historic bridges and historic buildings, sites and districts.

This meeting is in compliance with Title VI, Section 601 of 41 USC 2000(d) which states that "[n]o person in the United States shall be excluded from participation in or otherwise discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, or national origin under any program or activity receiving federal financial assistance." Other related statutes also include disability, sex, and age as protected classes. In accordance with the American Disabilities Act, anyone with a disability and requiring assistance to attend this event should notify Kirk Slusher by November 13 at (419) 999-6849 or mail request to the address listed below. Requests for a language translator and/or sign-language interpreter should also be sent to Kirk Slusher by November 13.

Any person who believes that he or she has been denied benefits of, excluded from participating in or otherwise discriminated against may file a formal complaint in writing to the Ohio Department of Transportation, Division of Chief Legal Counsel, Office of Civil Rights, 1980 W. Broad Street, 1st Floor, Columbus, OH 43223. All complaints must be filed within 180 days after the date of the alleged act of discrimination.

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