



PATRICK T. GINNETTI, P.E., P.S.
MAHONING COUNTY ENGINEER

May 27, 2020

RE: **Virtual Public Meeting for Western Reserve Road (CR 32) Widening Project**
Project No. MAH-CR 32-18.11; PID 108742

Dear Public Official/Resident/Property-Business Owner/Interested Citizen,

The Mahoning County Engineer's Office proposes to widen Western Reserve Road (CR 32) from Reserve Commons Drive to the Interstate Route (IR 680) interchange. The proposed project will provide a two-way left-turn lane throughout with dedicated westbound right-turn lanes at the Southern Boulevard, Western Reserve Park, Crossroads Drive, and Southwestern Run intersections, and a westbound left-turn lane at the South Avenue intersection. Additional work includes new curb, roadway drainage improvements, driveway apron reconstruction, new traffic signals at the improved intersections, traffic signs, and pavement markings.

In order to protect the health of all Ohio citizens, and in accordance with the executive orders issued by the Governor of the State of Ohio and the Director of the Ohio Department of Health, the Mahoning County Engineer's Office will hold a virtual public meeting for Western Reserve Road (CR 32) widening project. The meeting will be held virtually **Thursday, June 11, 2020 from 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM** with a project presentation at 6:00 PM. Live question and answer with project staff will be available the remainder of the time. Attendees may access information on how to join the meeting (online meeting room, phone number, etc.) at the following website:

<https://publicinput.com/B8864>

The purpose of this public involvement meeting is to present the proposed project to the general public, residents, public officials, business and property owners and to solicit public comments regarding the proposed improvements and their social, economic, and environmental impacts.

The virtual meeting will allow participants to watch a presentation, review project materials, and submit questions to representatives from the project management team live or later, including officials from the Mahoning County Engineer's Office, the project consultant, ms consultants, and ODOT District 4. All materials presented at the public meeting will be available on the website during and after the meeting, including the presentation given during the meeting, exhibits, the informational handout, as well as the comment sheet (included with this letter) which can be mailed or emailed directly to the Mahoning County Engineers Office. Your attendance at the meeting would be greatly appreciated, however, the materials will be posted online so it can be viewed later at your convenience.

If you are a nearby business or religious organization, we ask that you inform your employees, congregation, and/or visitors/customers of this virtual public meeting. A flyer is included with this notification and we ask that you please post this flyer in a publicly visible location, or distributed as you see fit.

To ensure the decision-making process is comprehensive, the Mahoning County Engineer is seeking comments from the public about the social, environmental, and economic impacts of this proposed project. Environmental impacts include those involving archeological, architectural, and ecological resources, regulated materials and the general location of the project. Mahoning County Engineer also requests information regarding the presence of any known cultural resources in proximity to the project. Cultural Resources include prehistoric and historic archaeological sites, historic bridges, historic buildings, sites and districts. If you have any questions or comments about this project or the public meeting, please contact me through these options:

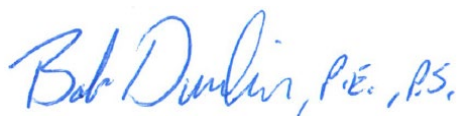
- Virtual meeting:
<https://publicinput.com/B8864>
- Email to: bdurbin@mahoningcountyoh.gov
- Call in telephone number 330-799-1581
- Virtual meeting technical problems telephone number 440-390-0965
- Mail comment form or letter to:
Bob Durbin, P.E., P.S.
Mahoning County Deputy Engineer
940 Bears Den Road
Youngstown, OH 44511

The public meeting comment period ends **Tuesday, July 14, 2020**.

Public participation is solicited without regard to race, color, sex, age, national origin, or disability. Individuals who require special accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) or persons who require translation services or sign language interpreters should contact me prior to the virtual public meeting.

If you are unable to attend the public involvement meeting, the meeting materials will be available on the above link and on the Mahoning County Engineer's website: <http://www.mahoningcountyoh.gov/194/Project-Plans>. A summary of public comments received during the comment period and responses to those comments will be prepared and posted to both websites within 30 days of the end of the comment period.

Sincerely yours,



Bob Durbin, P.E., P.S.
Mahoning County Deputy Engineer