

September 29, 2021

RE: Cleveland Avenue Pedestrian Improvements (Columbus, OH)
ODOT Project: FRA-Cleveland Ave Ped Improvements, PID 108642

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यदि तपाईं अनुवाद सेवाहरु चाहिन्छ कृपया सम्पर्क गर्नुहोस् Steve Schmidt: (614)-645-3966,
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Dear Neighbor:

Drivers of motor vehicles hit more people on the Cleveland Avenue Corridor than on most other Columbus streets. Over a 5-year period, the number of pedestrian deaths in Columbus increased by approximately 64%. In 2019, 61 Columbus pedestrians were injured by cars and 17 were killed. Protections are on the way. The Columbus Department of Public Service, in coordination with the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT), has proposed a project to make pedestrian improvements at seven intersections along Cleveland Avenue: Camden Avenue, E. 19th Avenue, Kenmore Road, Republic Avenue, Lakeview Avenue, Agler Road, and Lehner Road (project locations shown in the included handout). This project is part of the Walk Safe on Cleveland initiative to enhance the safety of pedestrians walking along the Cleveland Avenue Corridor. Improvements include the installation of enhanced crosswalk markings, the installation of pedestrian signals (such as Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons or Pedestrian Hybrid Beacons) at each intersection, and the replacement of non-ADA compliant curb ramps.

It is expected that minor acquisition of property will be needed as part of the project. Affected property owners will be contacted at a later date to discuss the right-of-way needs, the acquisition process, and property owner rights under the process. Right-of-way acquisition is expected to begin in Summer 2022. Pedestrian and vehicular traffic will be maintained throughout construction. Construction is currently scheduled to begin in Spring of 2023.

The City and ODOT believe that public input is critical to our decision-making process. We welcome your questions, comments or notification of any issues you may wish to relay in regard to the proposed project. A virtual public meeting for the project will be held in Winter 2021 for residents, businesses, and the public to further comment on the project. More details on the public meeting will be provided at a later date.



Please review the included project information and submit comments by mail, e-mail, or phone call. To ensure your comments may be considered during project development, please submit them **no later than October 29, 2021**.

A comment form is included with this letter and is also available on-line. The form can be printed and folded, secured and stamped.



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Mail your comments to:

City of Columbus, Division of Design and Construction
Attn: Steve Schmidt, Project Manager
111 N. Front Street
Columbus, OH 43215



By phone: (614) 645-3966

If you need special accommodations to provide your input, or have any questions about the project, please contact me at (614) 645-3966.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Steve Schmidt'.

Steve Schmidt, P.E.
Project Manager

