



RESPONSES TO PUBLIC COMMENTS

Project Name: HAN-U.S. 68/State Route 15 Interchange Improvements

Project ID (PID): 112280

Meeting Date: 11/29/2022

End of Comment Period: 12/29/2022

Public Meeting Attendees: 59

Forms Mailed: 1

Forms Submitted at Public Meeting: 10

Public Meeting Forms that Contained Comments: 6

Court Reporter Statements: N/A

Major Concerns:

- Cost of Project
- Project Should Address Safety of Western Avenue Access to SR 15
- Trucks using TR 80
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Public Officials in Attendance: 4

Media in Attendance: None

Comments Submitted via:

- Project Website: N/A
- Phone: N/A
- Email: 4
- Social Media: N/A

Opposed to Project: 2

Supportive of Project: 5

Uncommitted: 7

Conditional: 0

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1	Against project costs; Suggested alternative	11/29/2022	David Distel 12158 T.R. 77 Findlay, OH 45840 (419) 423-7699, baddad419@woh.rr.com	Seems you sure like to spend. Michigan left on 15 would be simple.	While this concept would provide simple access to US 15, it would likely not reduce emergency services response time.	Comment Form
2	No Comment	11/29/2022	David Basinger 415 Kennison Drive Findlay, OH 45840 (419) 721-7713, dbasinger@woh.rr.com	No comment	N/A	Comment Form
3	No Comment	11/29/2022	John J. Cogley 11639 T.R. 80 Findlay, OH 45840 (419) 957-6347 jjcogley@hotmail.com	No Comment	N/A	Comment Form
4	Suggested Alternative	11/29/2022	Michelle Lowery 3221 Western Ave Findlay, OH 45840 (419) 306-2146 Mmlowery2007@yahoo.com	Reopen 15. Also make a exit ramp to get onto Western/Twp RD 77.	Thank you for your comment. ODOT has a safety program where they are eliminating these at-grade access points.	Comment Form
5	No Comment	11/29/2022	No Information	No Comment	N/A	Comment Form
6	Supports Alternative 1	11/29/2022	“Tina” (Katherine) Kelsey + William Kelsey 3521 Spring Lake Drive Findlay, OH 45840 (419) 423-5643 wings@woh.rr.com	Alternative 1 looks very good. We appreciate the fact that Spring Lake Subdivision will have 2 egresses/ingresses, even if it means increased traffic on Twp Rd 80, just south of Spring Lake. Can’t happen fast enough.	Thank you for your comment.	Comment Form
7	Supports Alternative 1	11/29/2022	Adam Hemmery 3320 Spring Lake Drive Findlay, OH 45840 (419) 674-8284	Alt 1 is good	Thank you for your comment.	Comment Form
8	Concerned about large trucks utilizing TR 80; Community Security	11/29/2022	Kasaundra Arellano 3407 Spring Lake Drive East Findlay, OH 45840 (419) 429-9257	I have concerns about 68/15 going into Liberty Twp 80. We have a lot of children, especially small children, and families who walk and ride bikes on Liberty Twp 80. We	We do not anticipate trucks to use TR 80, a local road, since they would likely be traveling through the area and would utilize US 68. To ensure that there would be no truck traffic	Comment Form

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				also have children who stand and wait for the bus on this road, a lot of times in the dark. My main concern is how are you going to stop all large trucks from going on this road, Liberty Twp 80? There are large trucks who sit on the exit already! Also, these large trucks are going to take this road, Liberty Twp 80, as a shortcut to Lima Ave. How are our families going to be kept safe?? Also, how is this going to affect the value of all our houses? This will hurt us all. Why hasn't anyone come to the community, our community, with better options? With all due respect, none of you know what is best for the area. Going only by 'textbook' is not always the best option. Think about how you would all like this happening in your community.	on TR 80, no thru truck traffic signs could be added to the design plans. Additionally, moving the EB exit ramp to the other side of US 68 would relocate the ramp further from the Spring Lake subdivision and away from TR 80 where children are waiting for buses. The design team will look at additional signage to alert motorists to the presence of children, as appropriate.	
9	No Comment	11/29/2022	Tim Noyes 12179 Twp Rd 77 Findlay, OH 45840 (419) 423-4341	No Comment	N/A	Comment Form
10	No Comment	11/29/2022	Gale Gault 3601 Western Ave Findlay, OH 45840 (419) 427-2402	No Comment	N/A	Comment Form
11	Supports Alternative 1	11/30/2022	Joshua S. Eberle 720 South Main Street Findlay, OH 45840 (419) 424-7129 jeberle@findlayohio.gov	Regarding the alternatives presented at the public meeting on 11/29/2022 at the Hancock County Engineer's Office, my personal opinion is that the Findlay Fire Department response to the Spring Lake Subdivision will be greatly enhanced with the	Thank you for your comment.	Comment Form

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				<p>implementation of Alternative 1. This is due to two factors:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Construction of Alternative 1 will allow fire department crews to respond more safely, due to avoiding the hazards that are currently present when driving on 68/15 and accessing Spring Lake via Township Rd 77 from the north. 2. Alternative 1 will allow a faster response than is currently available when responding to Spring Lake via Township Road 49/Township Road 77 from the south. <p>Thank you for your time and information at the public meeting. If you have any questions regarding the Findlay Fire Department opinion on the project, please don't hesitate to contact me directly.</p>		
12	Plans do not address dangerous Western Ave to SR 15 interchange; Suggested Alternative	12/02/2022	<p>Charles Anglemyer 606 Kirk Drive Findlay OH 45840 419-494-7049 charles.anglemyer@gmail.com</p>	<p>Hello, as a Spring lake resident I am pleased to know that we are finally getting a dedicated route onto US 68. However, the proposed plans do not address the dangerous Western Ave to 15 interchange. I work at Whirlpool and use I75 south to the 15 flyover, to the hard right turn at Western to go home every single day. I propose a "no re-entry" style 1 way exit with a dedicated exit lane to western ave. It would cost</p>	<p>The project team appreciates your positive comment. ODOT is looking at the Western Avenue access point as a separate project.</p>	Email

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				<p>almost nothing in the scope of the project, because there is already room for the exit lane without widening the roadway. Township road 81 could have a stop sign just after the exit. I've never seen anyone on township road 81 by the way. Please notice my crude drawing attached to this email, showing a new traffic pattern for Western Ave. It would ensure no re-entry and be one way after the township road 81 left turn only. Please take this in consideration as all other plans I've seen are very nice in my opinion, but for Spring lake residents, add a lot of back tracking, extra time and danger having to cross traffic at 68 and use a roundabout just to get back into our neighborhood.”</p>		
13	Raised Concerns About Property Access	12/03/2022	<p>Michael Dillon 3525 E. Spring Lake Drive Findlay, Ohio 45850 teamdillon@aol.com</p>	<p>“To whom it may concern, My name is Michael Dillon...I live at 3525 E. Spring Lake Dr. Findlay, Oh...Your map shows removal of my driveway access to T.R.80...I'm not sure how I'm supposed to get to and from my property and I raised this issue at the 11/29 meeting...Either the gentleman answering questions didn't understand mine or I didn't understand his answer...After multiple</p>	<p>As design details progress, we anticipate little to no impact to your driveway. Currently, we have developed a conceptual design that will be significantly refined; it will allow access to your homes as well as others abutting the project.</p> <p>As a follow-up to this comment, Steve Wilson with the Maumee Watershed Conservancy District met with Mr. Dillon in early December 2022 to discuss the</p>	Email

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				<p>attempts to get my point across I finally gave up and tried to figure it out by looking at the map at my house...I still don't understand...Do I back out of my driveway and down the road into traffic every time I come and go? I don't think that's a reasonable solution...Please meet with me at my house at your convenience and give me a direct answer. Thank You, Mike</p>	<p>project. Mr. Dillon would like a "turn-around" at his driveway so that school buses would not have to go all the way to US 68 to exit the area.</p>	
14	Supports Alternative 2	12/20/2022	<p>Gary Junker 10551 County Road 26 Findlay, OH 45840</p>	<p>Provided a letter which included the following: "I believe Alternate #1 is flawed in at least three ways: 1) It forces ALL traffic at that interchange through a SINGLE lane interchange - all north/south bound SR 68 traffic, all SR15 traffic transitioning to/from SR68, all traffic traveling south or north bound from to Findlay to/from Main St., all traffic from Liberty Twp. 80 must go through this roundabout at what I suspect will be 15 mph! 2) Since ALL above mentioned traffic must utilize this single lane</p>	<p>We appreciate your comment. We have conducted traffic studies that show that the roundabout will operate efficiently and will improve traffic flow. Studies have shown that a properly designed roundabout slows down traffic and therefore, would make it safer than traditional intersections. Additionally, Alternative 1 has less safety concerns, lower project costs, and fewer environmental impacts.</p>	Email

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				<p>roundabout one disabled semi-truck would shut down everything! Has a traffic count study been completed at this intersection?</p> <p>3) Under the current configuration, and "Alternative #2" north/south bound SR68 traffic is/will be uninhibited, but under Alt #1 must go through the proposed roundabout. I suspect a large percentage of traffic at this interchange is SR 68 northbound to join SR15/I-75 or continuing into Findlay and thus is now uninhibited; but under Alt. #1 must deal with the new roundabout. Progress?? In conclusion, if a change must be initiated because of the Water Basin the cost of this project should simply be paid for from the Water Basin coffers. Roundabouts have their place but this isn't one of them. Alternate #2 is the best alternative because of the above listed</p>		

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				shortfalls of a single lane roundabout.		