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PUBLIC MEETING ANNOUNCED FOR WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22, TO DETAIL UPCOMING SR 32 IMPROVEMENTS
Local residents and commuters will be able to review project information and provide feedback on proposed improvement work on SR 32 between Bells Lane & Old SR 74

Batavia, OH (February 23, 2017) - The Clermont County Transportation Improvement District (CCTID), in cooperation with the Clermont County Engineer’s Office (CCEO) and the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT), today announced that there will be a public meeting on Wednesday, March 22, 2017, regarding the upcoming improvement work on SR 32. Local residents and commuters will be able to review information and provide their feedback on a series of planned improvements on SR 32 between Bells Lane and Old SR 74, including work on both Old SR 74 from SR 32 to Summerside Drive, and Mt. Carmel-Tobasco Road/Bells Lane from Jackie Lane to just north of SR 32 in Clermont County.

SR 32 IMPROVEMENTS AT BELLS LANE PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE
Wednesday, March 22, 2017
5 p.m. to 7 p.m.
Union Township Civic Center
4350 Aicholtz Road
Union Township, OH 45245

The meeting will be held in an open house format. No formal presentation will be given and the public is welcome to come anytime during the 5 p.m. – 7 p.m. time frame to review project information and talk with project team members. Maps, photos, and other materials will be available for review. In addition, study team representatives from the CCTID, ODOT, and the project team will be available to answer questions and receive input from the public. Multiple information stations will be staffed by project team members and comment forms will also be provided for those wishing to leave written comments.

“The work on SR 32 at Bells Lane is part of an integrated series of improvements that will ease congestion, improve safety and support economic development work in Clermont County,” said Clermont County Engineer Pat Manger. “While ODOT works to improve travel on the mainline arteries throughout our area, including SR 32, the CCTID is working on several local network improvements that will support better traffic flow to and from this important east-west roadway,” Manger continued.

Engineer Manger also underscored the regional importance of this work, noting that the proposed improvements at Bells Lane are part of the Eastern Corridor Program of projects and will support other project work in the area, including the work currently underway with the Aicholtz Road Connector Project. “There is a lot of work taking place in the County right now and all of it is happening in a planned and phased sequence based on funding availability and so as to have the least amount of disruption to the public as possible. We are looking forward to discussing this component of our work with the public and hearing their feedback on our plans.”

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The proposed improvements for the SR 32 at Bells Lane project will include:

- The addition of dual left turn lanes on westbound SR 32 at Mt. Carmel-Tobasco Road and on eastbound SR 32 at Old SR 74
- Widening and turn lanes along Old SR 74 from SR 32 to Summerside Road
- Widening and turn lanes along Mt. Carmel-Tobasco Road between Jackie Lane and SR 32
- Pavement resurfacing along Aicholtz between Mt. Carmel-Tobasco Road intersection and the west end of the Aicholtz Connector Project
- Replacing or adding sidewalks on Aicholtz, Mt. Carmel-Tobasco Road, Old SR 74 and Summerside Drive

The CCTID is currently working on the design plans for the SR 32 Improvements at Bells Lane project. The start of construction is scheduled for Summer 2018.

Individuals who require interpretation services or special assistance to participate in this meeting should contact the Clermont County Engineer's Office at 513-732-8857, by March 15, 2017.

About the Clermont County Transportation Improvement District

The Clermont County Transportation Improvement District (CCTID) works across geographic and political lines to improve the quality of life for Clermont County residents by stimulating economic development through regional transportation improvements. The five-member board is made up of representatives from the Clermont County Engineer's Office, the City of Milford, Miami and Union Townships, and the private sector.

The CCTID is currently working on nearly two dozen roadway improvements that will increase safety, support better traffic flow through the area, and provide the infrastructure for continued economic development throughout the county. More information about the CCTID and their project work can be found on-line at GoClermont.org.

About the Ohio Department of Transportation

The Ohio Department of Transportation maintains the state's largest man-made asset--the transportation system. ODOT's mission is to provide the safe and easy movement of people and goods from place to place. As a \$2.8 billion per year enterprise, ODOT invests the bulk of its resources in system preservation through maintenance, construction and snow and ice operations.

About the Eastern Corridor Program

The Eastern Corridor is a program of integrated, multi-modal transportation investments. The Program will enhance our regional transportation network by improving travel and connections between central Cincinnati and the communities extending east through Hamilton County into western Clermont County. Program elements include improvements to existing road networks, new and expanded roadways, rail transit, expanded bus routes and improvements for pedestrians and bicyclists. The Eastern Corridor Program is administered by the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) in cooperation with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Eastern Corridor Implementation Partners.

The Eastern Corridor Implementation Partners include the Hamilton County Transportation Improvement District, the Clermont County Transportation Improvement District, the City of Cincinnati, the Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana Regional Council of Governments, the Southwest Ohio Regional Transit Authority and the Ohio Department of Transportation. To learn more, go to: EasternCorridor.org.

The environmental review, consultation, and other actions required by applicable Federal environmental laws for this project are being, or have been, carried-out by ODOT pursuant to 23 U.S.C. 327 and a Memorandum of Understanding dated December 11, 2015, and executed by FHWA and ODOT.