

**SR 741/Parkside Drive - Public Meeting Comments and Responses**

Public meeting date May 9, 2018 (comments updated 6/7/2018 & 6/14/2018)

Name	Mailing Address	Comments	Response	Responder
Kevin Garry	5178 Country Ridge Drive	I live in Bay Pointe and my condo is in the first building off Cox-Smith. My wife and I are concerned the road alteration may make it difficult for entrance and exit from our complex once the road is completed. The traffic light is slow to change and may create a substantial back up, particularly for those turning north on 741.	As part of this project the signal timing at Cox-Smith Road and SR 741 will be modified based on the anticipated traffic - including pedestrians. After completion of the project traffic signal timing may be modified based on actual traffic flows and/or resident input.	Bryan Bender, TEC
		Is it possible to have the light become a flashing light during non-busy hours?	Placing the signal in flash during late night/early morning hours will be investigated by the City. If deemed allowable implementation of a new signal timing plan could be enacted with or prior to the construction of this project.	Bryan Bender, TEC
David Milender	4128 Calumet Cir	Could the bike path along 741 near Kroger between Cox-Smith and Parkside be completed along with the Cox-Smith improvements? Without timely completion of the bike route, this area will be lacking in multi-modal and safe bike/pedestrian access to the Kroger complex. It would also be beneficial to add bike routes and access from Parkside to and across 741 without needing to use the narrow pedestrian sidewalk. Thank you for hosting this meeting and taking the time to listen to the community's concerns!	Unfortunately the location of the proposed path along SR 741 does not allow for it's construction prior to reconstruction of the entire road.	Bryan Bender, TEC
			The City of Mason is considering improvements to Parkside Drive outside of the scope of the SR 741/Parkside Drive project shown in the Public Meeting. These improvements include restriping Parkside Drive to obtain a two-lane roadway with bicycle lanes. In this scenario the landscaped medians on Parkside will remain.	Bryan Bender, TEC
Randy Court	3841 Hanover Drive	By not widening 741 north of the new Cox-Smith light (particularly for traffic moving south) the long back ups will continue as is for the next 5+ years after completion. None of this work will resolve Kings Island congestion on 741 without significant attention to traffic improvement east of this site on 741/KI drive.	This project focuses on the improvements to the intersection of SR 741, Kings Mills Road and Parkside Drive. The City is planning improvements to SR 741 north of Cox-Smith Road to north of Bethany Road which would include a 4-5 lane configuration.	Bryan Bender, TEC
			After this project is constructed the City of Mason will continue to monitor traffic flows and backups and may make additional improvements to signal timing in an effort to reduce traffic backups.	Bryan Bender, TEC
Debbie Angel	367 Bexley Ct.	With Right in Right out only from Parkside, please consider light at Cox-Smith & Kings Mills (traffic). All people being shuffled to either that intersection or Cox-Smith will be overload. Traffic there nightmare now.	The City will continue to monitor traffic at the Cox-Smith Road and Kings Mills Road intersection before, during, and after construction of SR 741. If the proposed improvements result in traffic flows that meet warrants for a traffic signal then that option may be considered.	Bryan Bender, TEC
Scot Lahrmer	5672 Cox-Smith Rd.	1) Extend the bikepath or sidewalk (from where it will stop at Parkside) to Kings Mills Road - with the increased traffic on Cox-Smith. This will enable pedestrians/bikes to be off the street.	This comment describes an area outside the limits of the proposed project but the comment will be taken into consideration for any future improvements on Cox-Smith Road.	Bryan Bender, TEC
		2) What are you going to do with the increased traffic at Cox-Smith & Kings Mills Road?	The City will continue to monitor traffic at the Cox-Smith Road and Kings Mills Road intersection before, during, and after construction of SR 741. If the proposed improvements result in traffic flows that meet warrants for a traffic signal then that option may be considered.	Bryan Bender, TEC
		3) Need more landscape medians instead of concrete and more street trees.	The median on SR 741 will be landscaped with said landscaping designed to allow for drivers to see oncoming traffic when turning left from westbound SR 741 to Kings Mills Road. The project will look into the possibility of landscaping the median on Kings Mills Road.	Bryan Bender, TEC

Tim Santschi	4102 Marble Ridge Ln.	If the Cox-Smith extension goes as planned, I would suggest that no parking be allowed on the current Cox-Smith Road. Now it is very difficult at times to drive this route with cars parked there.	This comment describes an ongoing project outside the limits of this project but the comment will be taken into consideration by the City.	Bryan Bender, TEC
		Adding a lot more cars when Parkside is closed will make this road even more dangerous. I am opposed to the changes on Parkside, but it seems like all the decisions have already been made. This is very disappointing.	The increase in traffic using Cox-Smith Road is anticipated to be mostly local residents and not cut-through traffic. Changes in access from Parkside Drive directly to SR 741 are needed to obtain the project goals of increasing the intersection level of service for the current and future projected traffic flows.	Bryan Bender, TEC
Inez Leeds	5093 Overlook Dr.	Not Happy! Afraid will not be able to get out of Parkside 5-5:30 PM Monday to Friday or peak Kings Island times. Even with two lanes! It is backed up as far as the eye can see! Also if making changes Kroger side entrance needs to be moved back or changed. Might be improving traffic from factory/businesses but definitely not neighborhood.	As part of this project the signal timing at Cox-Smith Road and SR 741 will be modified based on the anticipated traffic - including pedestrians. After completion of the project traffic signal timing may be modified based on actual traffic flows and/or resident input.	Bryan Bender, TEC
Dee King	3809 Hanover Dr.	Thanks for the info on the nigh of the meeting. Although we'd like to not have Parkside right in right out we're happy it's no to be closed. If we could have some type of buffer on 741 our homes that would be great. I'll consider about anything! Much appreciated that your team has worked with us and continue to do so.	As part of this project landscaping will be added to SR 741; however, this project does not extend along SR 741 to the commentor's house. A future project in this area is under design/planning and should consider buffers.	Bryan Bender, TEC
Roy Henson	3564 Carmelle Woods Drive, Mason, OH 45040	This was a great public meeting that informed the public about the upcoming road improvement project. There were many easy to follow exhibits on display and the staff was very helpful. I am glad to see the City is moving forward with improvements to SR 741 since this section of SR 741 has been a problem area for a while and will continue to get worse with future development. I realize that there will be a slight inconvenience to the residents that currently utilize Parkside Drive, however this inconvenience does not outweigh the priority of improving the current and future of SR 741 traffic.	Thank you for the comment. The safety issue described at the intersection of SR 741 and US 42 will be forward to the designers of a future project which would widen SR 741 from Cox Smith Road to north of Bethany Road.	Bryan Bender, TEC
		Driving SR 741 regularly I have noticed several near head on misses on the south leg of SR 741 at US 42. Vehicles heading northbound on SR 741, stopped at the traffic light, wanting to turn left onto US 42 will occasionally drive into the southbound lane to get up to the designated turn lane. This is very dangerous and I was wondering if some sort of delineators could be installed to outline the left turn lane and eliminate this problem.		
Andy Thompson	4200 Hanover Drive, Mason, OH 45040	As a resident living on Hanover Drive, I have several concerns about this project. Currently, there is easy access into and out of our area for emergency vehicles (EVS.) EVS entrance to the area from Parkside will still be available. However with time being a crucial factor in many medical situations, exiting from Cox Smith to get to I-71 will be slower. Cox Smith is going to be a narrow road with traffic going both ways. This means EVS will have more difficulty navigating through to Rte. 741.	The City has planned a reconstruction of Cox-Smith Road between Parkside Drive and SR 741. This will be a 2-lane road with construction starting in late 2018 with completion in early 2019. This alternate route will be available for use by emergency vehicles prior to, during and after construction of the SR 741 improvements. Emergency vehicle times may be slightly affected, however improvements to SR 741 may also contribute to quicker response times due to a decrease in traffic backups.	Bryan Bender, TEC
		Since Cox Smith will be a narrow street, any accident occurring on it would make it nearly impossible for EVS to get to Rte 741. The Evs would need to detour significantly to reach the previously mentioned hospitals.	Narrow streets do cause concern for emergency vehicles, however the proposed Cox-Smith Road reconstruction is not different from other 2-lane roads within the City.	Bryan Bender, TEC
		Finally, access to Kroger's will be limited during rush hour. Based on the projections, traffic will be heavy both ways on Rte 741 during rush hour. In the short distance from Cox Smith to Kroger's entrance it will be nearly impossible to navigate a left turn to enter Kroger's from Rte 741.	Turning south from the Cox-Smith Road intersection there is approximately 700 feet of distance to the main Kroger entrance. This distance is adequate to safely turn, merge to the left, and enter the left turn lane for Kroger. This new configuration eliminates the unsafer "Kroger weave" that currently exists in the northbound SR 741 direction.	Bryan Bender, TEC

Scotty Cooper	3833 Hanover Drive	<p>There are safety and accessibility concerns with this plan. While it may improve traffic flow for commuters during the weekday morning and evening rushes this will significantly impede local residents accessibility in and out of their neighborhood all day every day. Safety vehicles will also have more difficulty getting to and from local homes thus increasing their time to respond to calls.</p>	<p>To address accessibility the City has planned a reconstruction of Cox-Smith Road between Parkside Drive and SR 741. Emergency vehicles will have access to and from SR 741 using Cox-Smith Road and additional in-bound access at the right-in-right-out at Parkside Drive.</p>	Bryan Bender, TEC
		<p>This current plan to create a "right in-right-out" configuration to Parkside Drive is not part of the City's Comprehensive Plan and two and is detrimental to the safety and well-being of its residents.</p>	<p>While the right-in-right-out is not part of the comprehensive plan the project is considered the best available option to address the current and future congestion problems at the existing SR 741, Kings Mills Road, and Parkside Drive intersection.</p>	Bryan Bender, TEC
		<p>Coupled with the plan to extend Cox Smith Road between Parkside Drive and State Route 741 this will further negatively impact resident safety by having a road so close to one of the condominium swimming pools and in accessing traffic on the other side of Cox Smith Road where there are no plans to make improvements.</p>	<p>The proposed improvement project on SR 741 is meant to solve problems with current and future congestion and safety for users of the SR 741 corridor. This includes City residents and those commuters outside the limits of the City. The reconstruction of Cox-Smith Road (as part of the City's Thoroughfare Plan) will add another access point to the neighborhoods in the vicinity of Parkside.</p>	Bryan Bender, TEC
Mark Ashman	Trailside Acres Resident	<p>Is there a web site that I can go to view the proposed changes?</p>	<p>Thank you for contacting the City of Mason. I have included a link below which has all of the information that was provided at the Open House, including a link to a comment form. Please fee free to fill this out or just email me back with any comments you have regarding this proposed project. <a href="https://projectmason.com/state-route-741/public-involvement-meeting/">https://projectmason.com/state-route-741/public-involvement-meeting/</a></p>	Steve Hartke, City of Mason
Robin Rogg	3589 Country Ridge Drive	<p>I am wondering about the tie in or "T" type intersection from Parkside Drive to Kings Mills Road. I know Parkside Drive will be connected to Kings Mills Road using a right-in-right-out configuration. It's very easy if you're coming down Kings Mill Road towards Parkside Drive. But....How will residents coming from Parkside Drive get to Kings Mills Road going towards I-71 if there is only a right hand turn available?</p>	<p>Access to SR 741 after the project will have a couple of different options from your neighborhood. The first from Parkside, left on Cox-Smith, left on Kings Mill to a signal at SR 741. The second option would be Cox-Smith/SR 741 signal, which could be accessed internally via your neighborhood. The third would be from Parkside Drive via the planned reconstructed Cox-Smith Rd. Cox-Smith Rd. from Parkside to SR 741 is planned to be reconstructed being late this year and should be finished by early 2019.</p>	Steve Hartke, City of Mason