



## SR 741 Widening Project (SpyGlass Hill to Welden Drive)

October 19, 2018

RE: WAR-741-2.19 PID 103753  
Project Notification and Request for Public Comments

Dear Property Owner, Resident, or Business Owner:

The City of Mason along with the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) proposes to widen State Route (SR) 741 between SpyGlass Hill and Welden Drive to include two lanes of travel in each direction with left turn lanes at all intersections. The project will also include new mast arm signals at US 42 and Bethany Road, raised medians, landscaping, street lighting, a shared-use path, sidewalk, and right turn lanes on eastbound Bethany Road and eastbound US 42. The project will also add a proposed shared-use path connection along the north side of Bethany Road starting at SR 741 and connecting with a shared-use path recently constructed at Windemere Way.

The purpose of this project is to improve vehicular safety in the corridor by reducing congestion at high crash locations, to address the goals of the City of Mason Comprehensive Plan, and to follow the Action Plan of the City of Mason Bicycle and Pedestrian Way Master Plan.

Construction is expected to begin in March of 2021 and last approximately one year. Impacts to traffic will be kept to a minimum during construction, with one lane in each direction of State Route 741 maintained at all times. There is expected to be some closures of side roads in order to complete construction with detours provided. Access to adjacent properties will be maintained at all times. Prior to construction, advanced notification will be provided to inform roadway users about the anticipated dates of construction, anticipated road closure dates, detour routes and other major impacts to traffic.

As part of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and the project development process, the city conducts public involvement with residents, property owners and other interested parties. We are seeking comments about the social, environmental, and economic impacts of the proposed project. Environmental impacts include those associated with historic, archaeological and ecological resources, hazardous materials, and general concerns you may have with the project. The project will require some right-of-way acquisition. This letter is to inform such individuals that the city is currently developing the above described project.

Exhibits showing the proposed improvement can be viewed on the City of Mason's project website at the following link: <https://projectmason.com/sr-741-widening-spyglass-to-welden/>. Hard copies of the exhibits can be made available by calling the city at 513-229-8520. Written comments or questions on the proposed project may be mailed to me at 6000 Mason-Montgomery Rd, Mason, OH 45040 or by email at [shartke@masonoh.org](mailto:shartke@masonoh.org). Any comments should be received by November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2018 (30 days from mailing).

Also, the City has been notified by a few property owners in the project area, that letters were received from a private law firm stating the city intends to utilize the eminent domain process for property acquisition. We have a history of avoiding the use of eminent domain and will make every effort to continue this practice with this project.

Respectfully,

Steven J. Hartke, P.E., S.I.,  
Assistant City Engineer/Project Manager

*The environmental review, consultation, and other actions required by applicable Federal environmental laws for this project being, or have been, carried-out by ODOT pursuant to 23 U.S.C. 327 and a Memorandum of Understanding dated June 6, 2018, and executed by FHWA and ODOT.*

