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First Phase of Improvement Work on US 40 Begins

New project will improve safety, reduce traffic congestion, and support job creation near Dayton International Airport

DAYTON (Feb. 8, 2021) — The first phase of construction work on the US 40 Improvements Project is underway. The project will widen a portion of US 40 (National Rd.) from just west of Union Airpark Blvd. to Airport Access Rd., as well as improve the interchange at US 40 and Airport Access Rd.

The project is being managed by the Montgomery County Transportation Improvement District (MCTID), which works across geographic and political lines to improve safety, increase mobility and build connectivity in local communities, while stimulating economic development and enhancing the quality of life throughout the region.

Vanessa Glotfelter, director of engineering for MCTID, said the first phase of work has begun though significant construction will not take place until spring. “Our work crews are on site and preliminary work will take place throughout the winter, as weather allows,” she said. Glotfelter added that all lanes of travel remain open on US 40 between Dog Leg Rd. and Peters Pk. while crews begin work outside the existing roadway.

Looking ahead, springtime work will include the installation of temporary pavement on the south side of US 40 between Dog Leg Rd. and Peters Pk. This will allow for roadway widening, pavement reconstruction, and water line and storm sewer improvements on the north side of US 40 within the project area.

In addition, Glotfelter anticipates that several ramp closures may be put into place as the project progresses. “In an effort to reduce the cost of the project while minimizing the impact to the public, we are considering a temporary closure of several ramps within the project area,” said Glotfelter. The ramp from southbound Terminal Rd. to US 40 and the ramp from US 40 to northbound Terminal Rd. are expected to be closed for approximately two months during the summer. A detour will be put into place and marked with signage. “Our analysis shows that this short detour would cost drivers approximately one additional minute in travel time, but the temporary ramp closures will allow us to complete the project in a shortened time frame.”

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Infrastructure improvements provide regional economic benefits

The US 40 improvements proactively address anticipated growth over the next several decades to ensure efficient traffic flow for all who travel through this area. At the same time, they provide economic benefits by making development more attractive and competitive in the area, which supports job creation and the local economy.

When completed, the improvements on US 40 will address roadway design issues while adding capacity. They include:

- Constructing a new, continuous five-lane section of US 40 from just west of Union Airpark Blvd. to Airport Access Rd., with two through lanes in each direction and a center left turn lane.
- Tapering the roadway from Union Airpark Blvd. back to two lanes to the west.
- Reconstructing the ramps to Airport Access Rd. to meet modern design standards and improve the interchange's safety.
- Upgrading traffic signals at the interchange of US 40 and Airport Access Rd.

Public information is a critical component of project work

The US 40 Improvements Project is supported by multiple regional partners, including the City of Vandalia, Ohio Public Works, JobsOhio, the Dayton Development Coalition, the City of Union, the Dayton Area Chamber of Commerce, the City of Dayton, Montgomery County, and the Ohio Department of Transportation.

To ensure residents and surrounding businesses stay up to date on traffic impacts and project status, the MCTID has updated its digital presence to include project information and additional resources at MCTID.org.

"We want the public to be informed about any work that may impact their drive through our project area," said Steve Stanley, executive director of the MCTID. "We recognize that addressing critical roadway and infrastructure needs to make travel safer and smoother for the county's residents and visitors requires collaboration. We appreciate the support of our partners and look forward to delivering this project to the public in 2021."

Stanley added that public feedback specific to the potential ramp closures near the Dayton International Airport should be submitted by March 15, 2021, via the feedback form on MCTID.org, in order to be considered during project development.

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ABOUT THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

The Montgomery County Transportation Improvement District is a strategic and trusted partner facilitating regional partnerships to improve public roadways and support job creation. The TID is engaged with projects at the request of other Montgomery County governments to improve safety, increase mobility and build connectivity in local communities, while stimulating economic development and enhancing the quality of life throughout the region.