

Route 23 Connect Fact Sheet

PID 112768 | U.S. 23 Corridor Study



WHAT



The Ohio Department of Transportation, along with regional partners at the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission and Toledo Metropolitan Area Council of Governments, have begun Route 23 Connect to study an improved transportation connection between the Columbus and Toledo regions.

An important piece of this initiative is the Delaware Regional Connection Study, which will evaluate different options for roadway improvements through Delaware County between Waldo in Marion County and I-270 in Franklin County. The study will include the evaluation of improvements to Route 23 and new connection options to the east and west of Route 23's current path through Delaware County.

WHY



Route 23 already has 30% more traffic than the roadway was designed to accommodate. This has caused increased congestion, unpredictable travel times, bottlenecks, and higher crash rates.

Without major improvements, delays in the corridor will only increase. A free-flow connection would provide substantial regional mobility benefits. It will also support Columbus as a national logistics hub by strengthening connection and access to northwest Ohio, Michigan, and Canadian markets.

More details on the study are available on ODOT's website at: www.transportation.ohio.gov/23connect

WHEN



This study will be conducted in 2021 and 2022.

If improvements are recommended, further study of a solution will begin in late 2022.

HOW



Roadway improvement options, including an upgrade of Route 23, a new connection to U.S. 33 to the west, and a new connection to I-71 to the east, will be compared using a variety of metrics to analyze travel time, safety, community context, environmental impacts, and cost.

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

ODOT is using a mix of outreach tools to engage stakeholders and the public. As the study progresses, there will be multiple opportunities to provide your input. These opportunities will be publicly advertised and available on the project website.



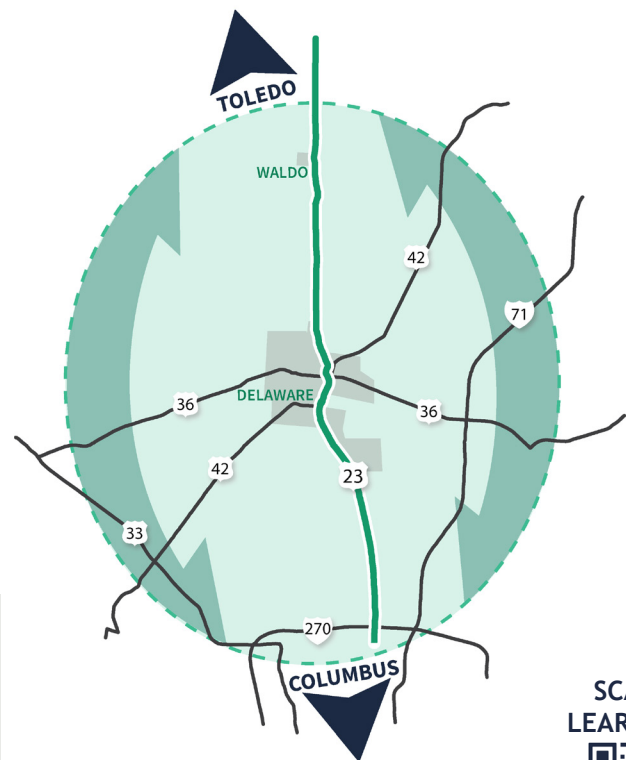
To learn more about Route 23 Connect, visit:

Transportation.Ohio.Gov/23Connect

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STUDY AREA



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Public participation is solicited without regard to race, color, sex, age, national origin, or disability.

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 14, 2020, and executed by FHWA and ODOT.