

What is the project?



The project area is located on State Route (S.R.) 161 from Ambleside Drive to Maple Canyon Avenue in the City of Columbus. The project area also extends north and south of S.R. 161 at the intersections of S.R. 161 & Sharon Woods Blvd./Tamarack Blvd. and S.R. 161 & Beechcroft Road.

The project is the second phase of a series of projects that will make improvements to S.R. 161, including a 10' shared-use path, safety improvements on the side streets and at the service road intersections. The purpose of this project is to improve safety, access management, and traffic operations.

The project proposes to:

- Replace the existing traffic signals at the intersections of S.R. 161 and Tamarack/Sharon Woods Boulevard and Beechcroft Road
- Construct a shared-use path on the north and south side of S.R. 161 between Ambleside Drive and Maple Canyon Avenue
- Improve side streets along Tamarack/Sharon Woods Boulevard and Beechcroft Road
 - Install urban roundabouts
 - Reconstruct, widen, and resurface pavement
 - Replace or install new sidewalk
 - Construct a raised median between S.R. 161 and the roundabouts, including through the service road intersections.
- Curb, curb ramps, street lighting, and storm sewer improvements throughout the project corridor

What is the background of this project and why is it needed?

The proposed improvements displayed at the open house came from an initial safety study conducted in 2017 to identify possible safety improvements to State Route 161 between Interstate 71 and Cleveland Avenue and the adjoining service roads. The study focused on identifying specific crash patterns and developing potential solutions to increase safety for pedestrians, bicyclists and motorists. Four

intersections in the project limits (Maple Canyon, Cleveland Avenue, Sharon Woods Blvd./Tamarack Blvd. and Karl Road) have been on the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission's Top 40 crash list over the last 10 years.

Scan the QR code to the right to learn more about the 2017 Safety Study.



What is the difference between this project and the other projects happening along S.R. 161?

The other projects happening in the area were also initiated from the 2017 safety study. Below you will find a map of the other projects in the area as well as descriptions of what is being built or is proposed for each.



Improvements at Karl Road, PID 110436 (shown in Blue)

Improvements under construction include:

- Mini-roundabout and a concrete median on the north leg of Karl Road.
- Improve lane configuration and traffic operations.
- Upgrading the traffic signal at State Route 161 and Karl Road
- Drainage, lighting, ADA, and access management upgrades

Construction is expected to be completed in the Fall of 2023.

State Route 161 Corridor Improvements - Phase 1 (Maple Canyon to Cleveland Ave.), PID 115797 (Shown in Green)

Improvements under construction include:

- Mini-roundabouts located approximately 300 to 500 ft beyond the intersections of Maple Canyon Ave. with the south service road, Maple Canyon Ave. with the north service road, Parkville St. with the south service road, and Spring Run Dr. with the south service road
- Adding an additional through traffic lane between the roundabout and the service road on Parkville St., Spring Run Dr., and both legs of Maple Canyon Ave.

- Upgrading the traffic signal at the intersections of S.R. 161 with Maple Canyon Ave. and the intersection of S.R. 161 with Spring Run Dr./Parkville St.
- Drainage upgrades
- Construction of a shared-use path on both sides of S.R. 161 from Maple Canyon Ave. to Cleveland Ave.

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Why is my input needed?

In the State Route 161 Corridor Study, completed in 2017, multiple short-term, and long-term improvements were selected as potential improvements. Ultimately because of that study, the City of Columbus determined, in cooperation with the Ohio Department of Transportation and feedback from the public, that the recommended long-term improvement was the construction of mini-roundabouts and median islands along the service roads.

Several phases will be required to fully implement the recommended improvements. This project is Phase 2. The design team has developed preliminary designs for these improvements and is seeking input from nearby stakeholders before the design advances further. Once stakeholder feedback has been collected, the design team will look at feedback, issue responses, and/or make updates to the preliminary design.

How can I submit comments?

Comments can be submitted in person at the open house, online at the link below, or via email, phone, or mail to the project manager (contact information below). We ask that all comments be submitted **no later than July 29, 2023**, by one of the following methods:

Project Website: www.publicinput.com/161ambleside



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What is the project schedule?

June 29, 2023: Stakeholder Meeting Open House

June 29, 2023 - July 29, 2023: Stakeholder Comment Period

Summer/Fall 2023: Review stakeholder comments, issue responses, and make any project updates.

Spring 2026 - Fall 2027: Construction