

U.S. Route 224 Corridor Safety Improvements

ODOT Project No. MAH-224-17.72, PID 115790

Project History and Need

Several studies regarding the U.S. Route 224 corridor in Mahoning County have been conducted since 2007. Prior studies identified a common need to implement safety improvements along the corridor. Several short-term countermeasures were implemented along the U.S. Route 224 corridor from 2011-2022, but ODOT is looking to further address persistent safety concerns.

Recommended Alternative

The proposed project will implement a variety of solutions along the U.S. Route 224 corridor between Market Street and Tiffany Boulevard to improve safety and reduce crashes and congestion. The recommended alternative includes the following primary safety countermeasures:

- Widening U.S. Route 224 to add capacity and reduce congestion.
- Access management improvements including the installation of median dividers and modifications to commercial driveways to reduce conflicts and crashes.
- Turn lanes will be installed at select intersections identified by traffic capacity analyses, traffic signals and signing will be upgraded.
- Pedestrian facilities will be improved to include additional sidewalk and improved crossings at intersections within the corridor.

Traffic Impacts

Construction will be done in phases, focusing on one direction of travel at a time. Two lanes of traffic will be maintained on U.S. Route 224 throughout construction. Work is expected to take place during off-peak hours. Access will be maintained to all adjacent businesses throughout construction.

Project Schedule

The proposed project is currently in the environmental engineering phase which includes environmental studies and preliminary plan development. Right-of-way acquisition is scheduled to begin in the spring of 2024, followed by construction in the spring of 2026.

