



May 25, 2018

**Subject: Proposed Butler Warren Road at West Chester Road / Socialville Foster Road
Intersection Improvement**

Dear Property Owner, Tenant, and/or Store Manager:

The Butler County Engineer's Office, in conjunction with the Warren County Engineer's Office, is proposing improvements at the intersection of Butler Warren Road at West Chester Road and Socialville Foster Road, located in West Chester Township, Butler County, Ohio and Deerfield Township, Warren County, Ohio.

Project Description

The proposed project involves possible construction of a single-lane roundabout. Modern roundabouts have a proven track record of success, eliminate conflict points, act as traffic calming devices, and statistically result in fewer and less serious accidents. Construction is tentatively scheduled for 2021.

Purpose and Need for the Proposed Improvement

The purpose of this project is to improve overall safety at the intersection and address future traffic needs. Based on routine monitoring of the intersection, this location has been identified as an area of increasing concern related to both safety and congestion issues.

Project Development and Local Impact

During the week of May 29 – June 1, 2018 you will see field personnel examining the project area for the presence of Running Buffalo Clover, a designated federally endangered plant species. Identifying, protecting, and restoring endangered and threatened species is a primary objective of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's endangered species program. Running Buffalo Clover was added to the U.S. List of Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants on July 6, 1987.

When public agencies use federal funds for roadway improvements, there are strict environmental guidelines which must be followed. Since the proposed project at Butler Warren Road and West Chester Road / Socialville Foster Road will incorporate federal grant money, we are required to identify the possible presence of Running Buffalo Clover within the designated project area since the clover flowers in Ohio in May. Accordingly, we wish to advise you that it may be necessary for the field personnel to enter upon your property to obtain the federally required data. Our representatives have been instructed to attempt to contact you personally when they first enter upon your property.

Section 5517.01 and 163.03 of the Ohio Revised Code authorizes such entries but also requires that reimbursement be made for any actual damage resulting from such work. BCEO and representative consulting crews have received strict instructions concerning the preservation of private property and

public lands. If at any time you feel that proper attention has not been given to your property, or should you have questions or concerns, please contact us at the Butler County Engineer's Office.

Please be advised that within the next few months it will also be necessary to begin performing preliminary work such as surveying and locating existing utilities necessary for design and engineering of the project. We will send affected property owners an additional notification letter at that time.

National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)

The environmental review, consultation, and other actions required by applicable Federal environmental laws for this project are being, or have been, carried out by the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) pursuant to 23 U.S.C. 327 and a Memorandum of Understanding dated December 11, 2015, and executed by FHWA and ODOT.

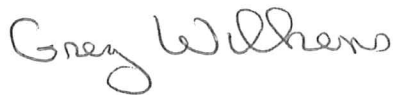
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BCEO employees or representative crews performing field work, environmental studies, or any pre-construction duties will carry full personal identification; however, they will not necessarily be able to provide specific answers to your questions. They will simply be collecting data necessary for the design and engineering of the project. Should you have questions, please contact the project manager at the following address, email, or phone number:

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Thank you for your interest and cooperation.

Respectfully,



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