



September 25, 2014

**Subject: Proposed Beckett Road at Smith Road Roundabout Project**

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

The Butler County Engineer's Office is proposing improvements at the intersection of Beckett Road and Smith Road, located in West Chester Township, Butler County, Ohio.

**Project Description**

The proposed project involves 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 2018.

**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.

**Project Development and Local Impact**

Within the next few weeks you will begin to see crews in the vicinity of the project area performing preliminary work such as surveying, placing stakes in the ground, and marking existing utilities. Accordingly, we wish to advise you that it may be necessary for these crews to enter upon your property to obtain the field 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 Engineer's Office.

As the design process moves forward, right-of-way needs and impacts to properties adjacent to the project will be identified. Should acquisition of new right-of-way be required to

accommodate the widening of the roadway, the Butler County Engineer's Office will coordinate with individual property owners as these needs are determined.

### **Construction and Additional Notification**

Construction for the project is anticipated to begin in the year 2018. Between now and then, some property owners may receive an additional letter from us concerning specific impacts to their property. Please note that how properties are affected by the project, if at all, won't be known until further along in the design process. Additionally, all residents and businesses located within and near the actual construction zone will receive a notice immediately prior to construction outlining any road closures and maintenance of traffic information.

### **Contact Us**

BCEO employees or representative crews performing survey 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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