



TO: Residents and Businesses in the Princeton Road Area

DATE: July 24, 2018

Notification of Princeton Road Closing and Construction

The Butler County Engineer's Office wishes to inform you that a significant roadway improvement to Princeton Road is slated to get under way starting August 6. The project involves a distance of approximately 1.8 miles from Jayfield Drive in Fairfield Township to Ohio 747 in Liberty Township. Existing lanes and shoulders will be widened to provide more efficient traffic flow and improve safety.

The Project

Improvements include widening the existing lanes from ten to eleven feet, widening the paved shoulders to four feet, adjusting the roadway profile by flattening several vertical crests, and installing edgeline rumble strips. Raised pavement markers, new signing and guardrail will also be installed.

Most of the work is scheduled for completion by late this year; however, it is possible that final paving and striping may have to be completed in the spring depending upon weather. The road will be reopened over the winter even if crews need to finish up in the spring.

A construction contract for the project has been awarded to Rack & Ballauer Excavating, Inc., located in the Ross / Crosby Township area which submitted a low bid of \$1,996,163. Funding consists of Federal grant money with local BCEO matching funds.

Phasing, Closures, and Maintenance of Traffic

In order to facilitate construction it will be necessary to close Princeton Road in two separate phases:

- **Phase 1** - Jayfield Drive to Liberty Fairfield Road. Start/closure: August 6, 2018. Approximate opening date: September 25, 2018.
Phase 1 detour - Eastbound Princeton Road traffic will detour south on Bypass 4, east on Ohio 129, and north on Ohio 747 to Princeton. Westbound traffic will reverse this route.
- **Phase 2** - Liberty Fairfield Road to Ohio 747. Approximate start/closure date: September 25, 2018. Approximate opening date: December 20, 2018.
Phase 2 detour - Eastbound Princeton Road traffic will detour south on Bypass 4, east on Ohio 129, and north on Ohio 747 to Princeton. Westbound traffic will reverse this route.

During these phases Princeton Road will be closed to thru and commuter traffic; however, local access will be maintained for residents of Princeton Road within the construction zone as well as for side streets. Residents of adjoining subdivisions however are advised to utilize alternate access into and out their subdivisions in order to minimize as much as possible the amount of traffic within the Princeton Road construction zone. Access will also be maintained for emergency vehicles and school buses.

NOTE: There may be occasional complete closures of the roadway as crews cut down small hills and flatten the profile. In these cases, local residents will be required to access their driveways from either the east or west side depending upon their location relative to this particular work.

Emergency personnel, school bus transportation officials, the post office, and the media have been notified of these upcoming closures. The information is also posted on our web site at www.bceo.org/roadclosings. We apologize for the inconvenience and appreciate your patience.

Who to Contact

While the BCEO makes every effort to keep residents and businesses in a project area informed, we strongly encourage you to check the Road Closings page on our web site as the best source for phasing dates and status changes concerning this project. If you have specific questions about the project, please contact Melissa Taylor in the Construction Department at the Engineer's Office by phone or email: 513-785-4115 or TaylorM@bceo.org.

Your Safety

The BCEO would like to emphasize the importance of proper safety measures during actual construction. Every precaution will be taken to make the construction site as safe as possible. However, we do ask that you and your family be aware of the potential hazards associated with work areas such as this. Please advise everyone to keep out of the construction site as much as possible to reduce the risk of accidents. Your assistance would also be appreciated in reporting any instances of vandalism, including the removal of lights, signs, or barricades. Such acts of vandalism can seriously jeopardize the safety of motorists and pedestrians in the construction area. Please contact our Office or the Butler County Sheriff at 513-785-1300 or 513-424-0469 to report any suspected vandalism.

We realize that construction can create some inconveniences and annoyances, but everything possible will be done to keep these to a minimum during this project. Thanks again for your patience.

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