

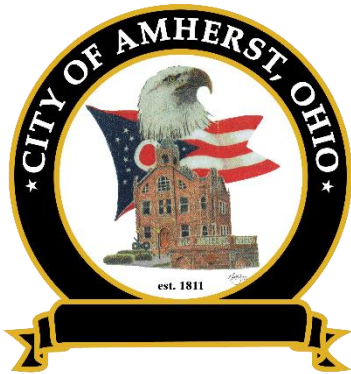
OPEN HOUSE PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT MEETING

**Location: Amherst Junior High School
548 Milan Avenue
Amherst, Ohio 44001**

**November 9, 2021
4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.**

Lorain/Amherst Western Gateway Improvements

Cities of Amherst and Lorain, Lorain County, Ohio



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City of Lorain, Ohio
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Purpose of this Public Meeting

The purpose of this open house public involvement meeting is to:

- Present and discuss the results of the North Lake Street/Oak Point Road Corridor Planning Study.
- Solicit public comments regarding the improvements under consideration.

No formal presentation will be made. However, project team representatives from the City of Amherst, the City of Lorain, and the project consultant, Bramhall Engineering and Surveying Company are available to discuss the project and address your questions.

Why is the Study being done?

The area of North Lake Street and Oak Point Road in the vicinity of the S.R. 2 interchange and Cooper Foster Park Road intersection has been rapidly developing over the last several years, leading to an increase in congestion and crashes. In 2020, the City of Amherst commissioned an area-wide study to identify broad-based recommendations that could help mitigate the congestion and crashes along the corridor.

What has the Study recommended?

The study recommended completing a signal re-timing study of the corridor as a short term/low cost countermeasure. This was completed in the spring of 2021 and resulted in a measurable reduction in the time to drive through the corridor.

The Study also recommended long term/high cost countermeasures consisting of the addition of through lanes from the S.R. 2 interchange to Buck Horn Boulevard/Park Square Drive, as well as intersection improvements at the intersections of the S.R. 2 interchange and Cooper Foster Park Road. The intersection improvements under discussion could be either additional lanes and new traffic signals, or roundabouts.

Project Schedule

The intent is to finalize the Planning Study by early 2022.

Project Costs

The estimated construction costs for the improvements could cost in excess of \$14 Million. Potential funding sources are still being identified, and are expected to come from multiple sources.

Your Comments

Your comments are an important part of the planning process for this project. Please review all the exhibits on display, speak with the project team representatives, and return the attached comment sheet during this meeting, or by email or postal mail by December 10, 2021. Comments received will be compiled and reviewed as part of the public involvement process. The City will provide a response to all written comments, before the planning study recommendations are finalized. Please note that all comments become part of the public record.

Contacts

If you have questions, you can contact the City of Amherst Consulting Engineer, Mr. Aaron Appell, P.E., with Bramhall Engineering and Surveying Company at (440) 934-7878 or aappell@bramhall-engineering.com or Valerie Kilmer at Bramhall Engineering and Surveying Company at (440) 934-7878 or vkilmer@bramhall-engineering.com.

Thank you for attending this important project meeting!

This meeting is being held in compliance with Title VI, Section 601 of 42 USC 2000(d) which states that no person in the United States shall be excluded from participation in or otherwise discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, or national origin under any program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance.

Any person who believes that he or she has been denied the benefits of, excluded from participating in, or otherwise discriminated against, may file a formal complaint in writing to the City of Amherst EEO, 206 South Main Street, Amherst, Ohio 44001. All complaints must be filed within 180 days after the date of the alleged act of discrimination.

The environmental review, consultation, and other actions required by applicable Federal environmental laws for this project are being, or have been, carried out by ODOT pursuant to 23 U.S.C. 327 and a Memorandum of Understanding dated June 6, 2018, and executed by FHWA and ODOT.

