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**Dressler Road Improvements / PID 112040**  
**Public Comment Summary & Stark County Engineer's Office Responses**

| Comment Summary                                                                                                                                                                          | Response Summary                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
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| The construction of a raised median barrier between northbound and southbound lanes of Dressler Road will impact my business by blocking left turns in to the driveway on Dressler Road. | The purpose of the Dressler Road project is to improve safety and reduce congestion. Numerous crashes are occurring along this corridor due in part to the heavy traffic and poor driveway access management. A review of the crash reports showed that rear end accidents and sideswipe accidents are happening when drivers stop the flow of traffic to make left turns into the commercial driveways along Dressler Road. The proposed median barrier is a safety measure that has been proven to reduce these types of crashes and increase the safety of the traveling public. |
| The project should consider and build a roundabout at this location.                                                                                                                     | The Stark County Engineer's Office is a proponent of roundabouts, but a roundabout is not feasible at this location. In order to accommodate the heavy volumes of traffic thru this intersection, it would be necessary to build a 2-lane roundabout. The large diameter of such a roundabout would affect the properties on all four corners of the intersection, including the likely need to relocate two businesses. Based on the probable right of way impacts, a roundabout is not appropriate for this intersection.                                                         |
| Please provide the anticipated timing and duration for construction of the new right turn lanes at the Dressler/Belden Park Crossing intersection.                                       | The project is scheduled to be built during the 2025 and 2026 construction seasons. The project is still in the early design stages, so construction sequences and durations have not been addressed yet. However, we have noted the comments from affected property owners and we will consider and implement their preferences whenever feasible.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |

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| <p>Construction on each side of the intersection should be completed in separate phases so that both sides of the Dressler/Belden Park Crossing intersection are not impacted simultaneously.</p>       | <p>As stated above we are keeping property owner requests in mind and will phase the construction as such when possible.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <p>Can you clarify what properties will be directly impacted by the permanent right of way acquisition and provide detailed impact information?</p>                                                     | <p>During the current early design stage, the right of way limits shown were conservative. As detailed information becomes available, affected property owners will be notified and Stark County Engineer's Office right of way negotiators representatives will contact affected owners and schedule appointments to discuss the proposed right-of-way takes and explain the right-of-way acquisition process.</p> |
| <p>What is the duration of the temporary right of way acquisition?</p>                                                                                                                                  | <p>The durations of these temporary takes are still unknown at this point in design but will be kept to a minimum.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <p>The project materials reference the installation of a raised median on Dressler Road between University Street NW and Everhard Road. Will this limit access to a right in/right out only access?</p> | <p>Driveway access on this section of Dressler Road will be limited to Right In / Right Out access. For some of the driveways, a raised triangular island will be built in the driveway apron. For other driveways, this will be accomplished by building a raised median that divides northbound and southbound traffic lanes.</p>                                                                                 |
| <p>What modifications will be made to the drive between Bob Evans and Red Roof Inn?</p>                                                                                                                 | <p>A dedicated left turn lane will be built on Everhard Road to serve this drive (aka "Inn Circle"). Vehicles traveling on Everhard Road will be able to make left turns and right turns to enter Inn Circle. However, vehicles traveling southbound on Inn Circle will only be restricted to westbound right turns only to Everhard Road.</p>                                                                      |