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Stark County Engineer's Office Announces Project Dressler Road Improvements

The Stark County Engineer's Office is planning a project to improve Dressler Road in the Belden Village area to enhance safety, to reduce congestion and to better serve the needs of the traveling public. We invite the public to review the project information and submit comments questions and suggestions to Stark County Engineer's office by March 7, 2023.

The project involves widening and adding turn lanes to Dressler Road, Everhard Road, and Belden Park Crossing. Based on analysis of detailed traffic and safety data, the following improvements are being considered for the project:

- Eliminate the northbound left turn lane on Dressler Road at the Everhard Road intersection. Replace the northbound left turn lane with a raised median.
- Add a second left turn lane on the southbound, eastbound, and westbound legs of the Everhard Road/Dressler Road intersection. This creates dual left turn lanes on these three intersection legs.
- Add right turn lanes at the eastbound and westbound approaches to the Dressler Road/Belden Park Crossing intersection.
- Add a raised median on Dressler Road between Everhard Road and Belden Village Street.
- Add raised median on Everhard Road between Dressler Road and the Children's Physicians Drive/Holiday Inn Drive.
- Build retaining walls adjacent to the Everhard Road/Dressler Road intersection and the Dressler Road/Belden Park Crossing intersection.
- Belden Village Street will be resurfaced and re-stripped to provide a longer westbound left turn lane at the Dressler Road intersection.
- Upgrade drainage, signals, signing, striping, and reconstruct the southwest mall entrance off of Belden Village Street.
- Reconfigure the southwest Belden Village Mall drive at Belden Village Street to a right in/out condition.

- Close the drive to Robek's Plaza directly south of the Belden Village mall drive.
- Add sidewalk along the west side of Dressler Road from Belden Village Street to Belden Park Crossing.

The project is currently in the design stage. Federal Funds will cover 80% of the estimated \$5.5 million construction cost.

Most of the improvements will be constructed within the existing right of way, however it will be necessary to acquire additional temporary and/or permanent right of way from some property owners.

Construction is scheduled to begin in early 2025 and be substantially complete by November 2026.

Access to all businesses and properties will be maintained during construction. Temporary lane closures will occur but will be kept to a minimum.

Please refer to the **enclosed map that illustrates the project location**. Additional information is posted on our website at <https://www.starkcountyohio.gov/engineer/resources/projects>

We invite the public to review the project information and to submit any comments, questions or suggestions to the Stark County Engineer's Office at 5165 Southway Street SW, Canton Ohio 44706 or call (330) 477-6781 or send an email to engineer@starkcountyohio.gov. **Please submit your comments, questions and suggestions by March 7, 2023.**