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Stark County Engineer's Office Announces Whipple Ave & 4th St Intersection Improvement

ODOT Project No. STA-CR 219-0.76 (Whipple/4th), PID 118837

The Stark County Engineer's Office, in cooperation with the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT), is proposing to improve the intersection of Whipple Avenue (County Road 219) and 4th Street in Perry and Canton Townships, Stark County, Ohio.

The Whipple Avenue/4th Street intersection is ranked as the 5th highest safety concern within Stark County on the ODOT Highway Safety Improvement Program. The proposed work includes the addition of dedicated 11-foot wide northbound and southbound left-turn lanes and traffic signal replacement. The project will also implement safety improvements at the intersection of Whipple Avenue and 3rd Street by removing the traffic signal and limiting traffic movements to right-in/right-out only.

Additional work includes drainage and utility improvements, reconstructing driveway approaches, new curb and gutter and Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)-compliant curb ramps, installing new street lighting, pavement markings and signage. Permanent right-of-way acquisition will be required to complete this work.

Construction is estimated to begin in Summer 2026 and be completed in Winter 2026. However, the schedule may be accelerated if funding becomes available. Traffic will be maintained at all times during construction but may require temporary lane closures. Access shall be maintained to all adjacent properties for the duration of the project.

The project will not result in any substantial impacts to environmental resources. The Stark County Engineer's Office is requesting comments you may have regarding the proposed project and/or environmental impacts be submitted by December 3, 2023 to:

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