

## MEETING PURPOSE



The purpose of these public meetings is to summarize public feedback received to date, introduce new project concepts for improvements along U.S. 23, and get your input. You are encouraged to ask questions and/or provide comments during this meeting.

## MEETING FORMAT



This meeting is open-house format. The project team is available for Q&A and one-on-one conversations at each engagement station or online at the virtual meetings.

## WHAT



The Ohio Department of Transportation, along with regional partners at the vMid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission and Toledo Metropolitan Area Council of Governments, continue work of the Route 23 Connect Study to evaluate enhancements along U.S. 23 corridor to improve traffic flow between the Columbus and Toledo regions.

This builds upon previous analysis and engagement, which considered possible free-flow connections between Waldo and I-270. The cost, complexity, and environmental impact of the concepts presented in previously were too high to pursue further so the study is shifting its focus toward identifying smaller-scale improvements.

## WHY & HOW



Route 23 Connect Study is now focusing on improvements along the U.S. 23 corridor between I-270 and Waldo. This evaluation will inform an action plan that pinpoints specific new project concepts that can be advanced to the project development phase. These new project concepts range in size and scope, aiming to provide safer and more efficient travel, including increased travel time reliability for through traffic.

Route 23 already has 30% more traffic than the roadway was designed to accommodate, leading to increased congestion, unpredictable travel times, bottlenecks, and higher crash rates. This study will support Columbus as a national logistics hub by strengthening connection and access to northwest Ohio, Michigan, and Canada.

## WE NEED YOUR INPUT!

### ONLINE COMMENTS

An online comment form to gather feedback on the project concepts being considered is available until December 15, 2023.

Fill out the comment form at:

[Publicinput.com/23Connect](https://Publicinput.com/23Connect)

Comments can be provided in-person using the available forms.

Questions and comments can also be submitted on the study website and by mail, email, or phone using the contact information below.

Comments must be received by December 15, 2023.

A copy of the meeting materials is available on the project website.

## NEED MORE INFORMATION?

To learn more about Route 23 Connect, visit:

[Transportation.Ohio.Gov/23Connect](https://Transportation.Ohio.Gov/23Connect)

Scan the QR Code to visit the project website:



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STUDY AREA



SEGMENT DATA

<b>7</b>	4 Serious Injury Crashes 1 Fatal Crash	50,000 Vehicles Daily	1 min Delay	10 Businesses
<b>6</b>	6 Serious Injury Crashes	50,000 Vehicles Daily	7 min Delay	30 Businesses
<b>5</b>	7 Serious Injury Crashes 1 Fatal Crash	50,000 Vehicles Daily	6 min Delay	80 Businesses
<b>4</b>	6 Serious Injury Crashes	50,000 Vehicles Daily	4 min Delay	20 Businesses
<b>3</b>	5 Serious Injury Crashes 1 Fatal Crash	60,000 Vehicles Daily	9 min Delay	55 Businesses
<b>2</b>	6 Serious Injury Crashes 1 Fatal Crash	65,000 Vehicles Daily	11 min Delay	90 Businesses
<b>1</b>	6 Serious Injury Crashes 4 Fatal Crashes	80,000 Vehicles Daily	7 min of Delay	90 Businesses

\*Daily Traffic Volumes and Delay values are based on future projections