# Route 23 Connect Fact Sheet

PID 112768 | U.S. 23 Corridor Study



#### WHAT

The Ohio Department of Transportation, along with regional partners at the Mid-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.

### **MEETING PURPOSE**



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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.

#### WHY & HOW

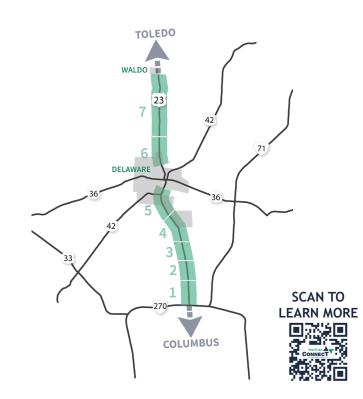
Route 23 Connect Study is now focusing on improvements along the U.S. 23 corridor between I-270 and Waldo. This evaluation will inform an action plan that pinpoints specific new project concepts that can be advanced to the project development phase. These new project concepts range in size and scope, 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.

More details on the study are available on ODOT's website at:

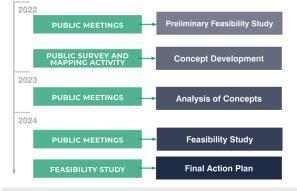
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## **STUDY AREA**



#### **PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT**

ODOT is using a mix of outreach tools to engage community partners and the public. As the study progresses, there will be multiple opportunities to provide your input. These opportunities will be publicly advertised and available on the project website.



To learn more about Route 23 Connect, visit: Transportation.Ohio.Gov/23Connect

Individuals who require interpretation services or a reasonable accommodation to participate should contact:

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