



NW WASHINGTON ROUNDABOUTS OPEN HOUSE SUMMARY REPORT

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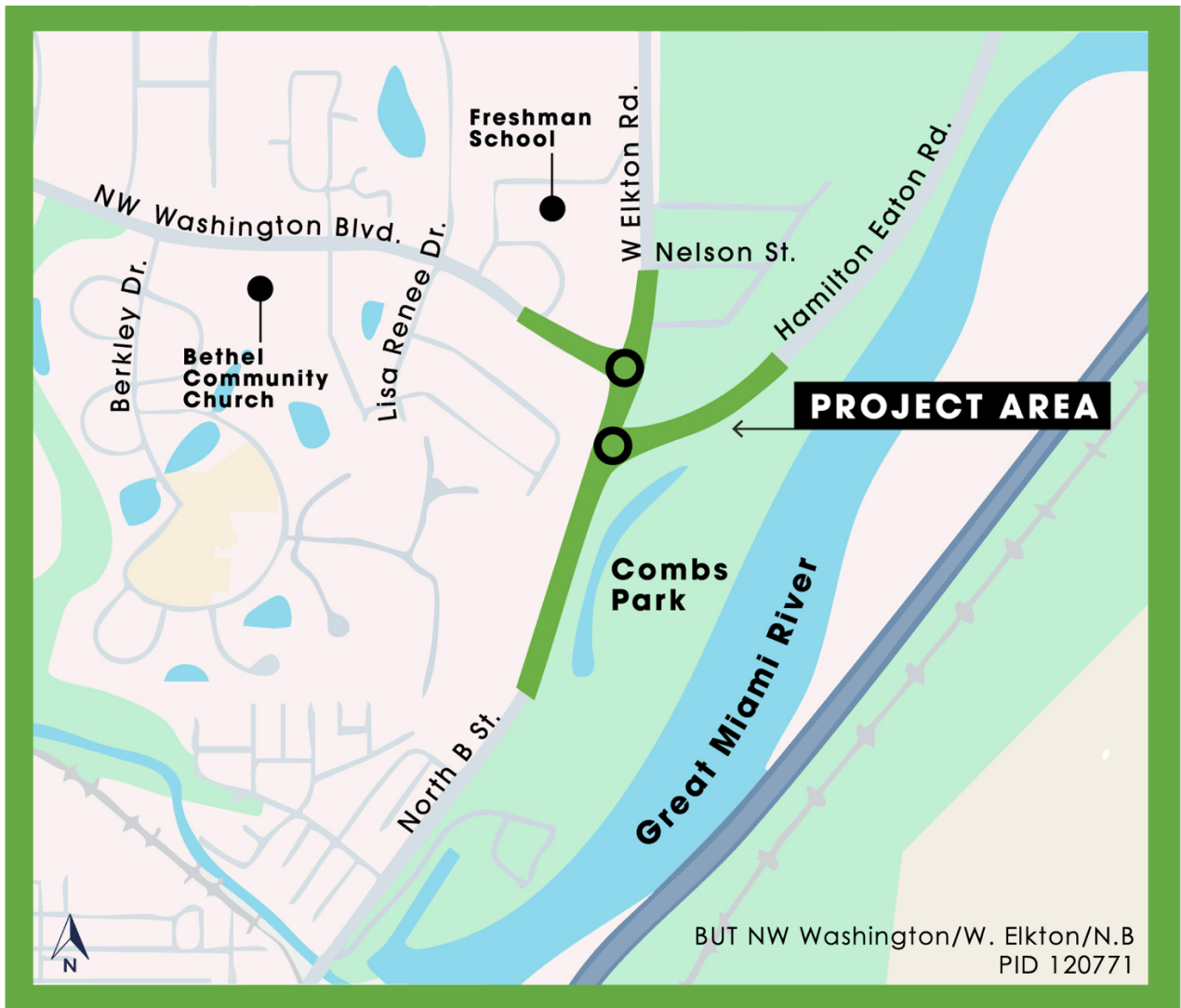
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INTRODUCTION

The City of Hamilton and the Butler County Transportation Improvement District (BCTID), working in coordination with the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) and Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana Regional Council of Governments (OKI), are planning improvements to the NW Washington Blvd., W. Elkton Rd., and North B St. area. These improvements will make driving, walking and riding bikes in this area easier and safer. They include:

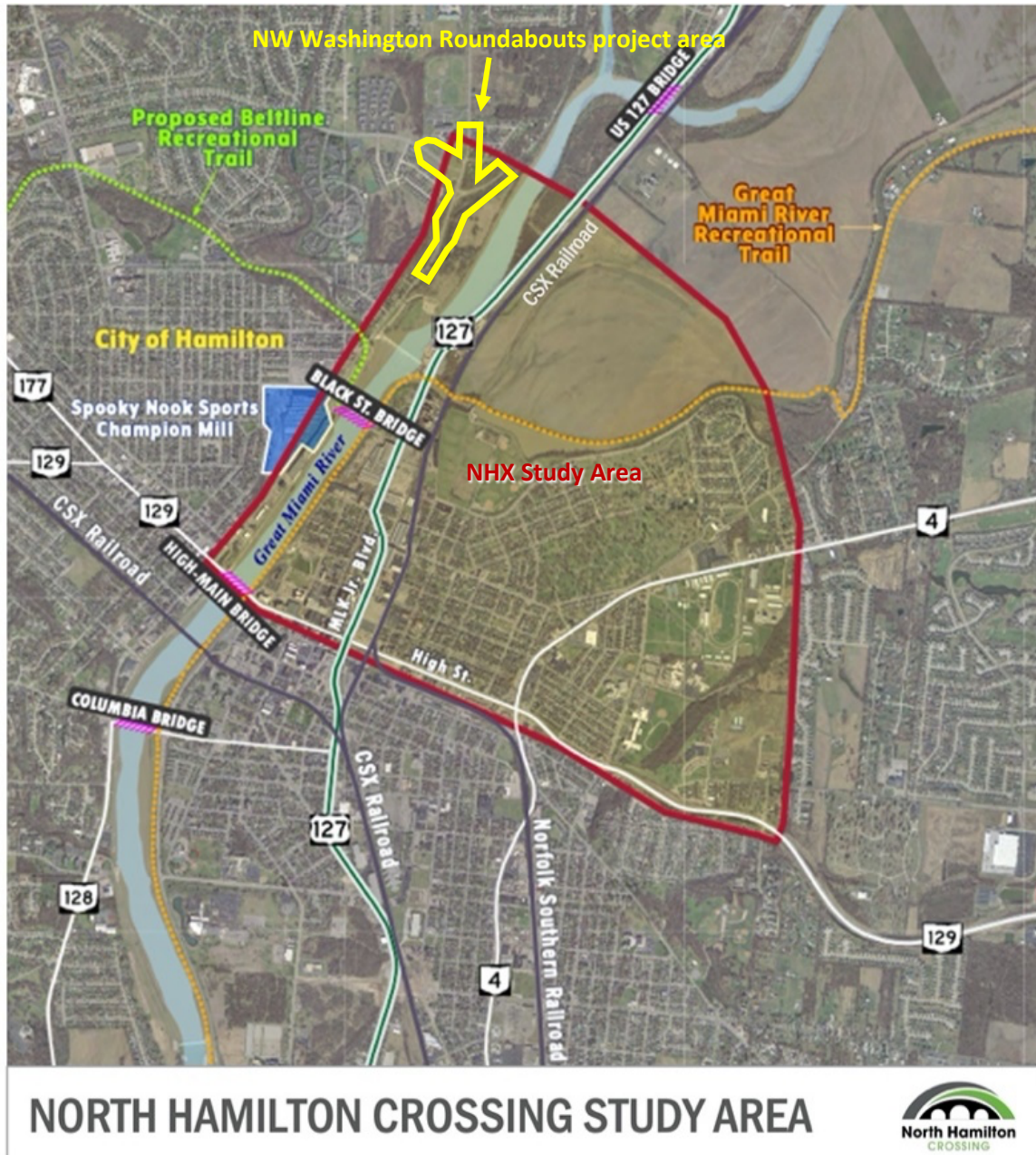
- Reconfiguring the NW Washington Blvd. and W. Elkton Rd. intersection into a roundabout.
- Reconfiguring the W. Elkton Rd. and North B St. intersection into a second roundabout.
- Extending the sidewalk on the north side of NW Washington onto W. Elkton Rd.
- Constructing a shared-use path on the south side of NW Washington (across from the Hamilton Freshman School) and along the west side of North B St.
- Installing a new, enhanced pedestrian crossing across NW Washington to connect the Hamilton Freshman School to the shared-use path and future commercial development.

Figure 1: Map of the NW Washington Roundabouts project area.



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Figure 2: Map of the North Hamilton Crossing Study Area. The NW Washington Roundabouts project area is located within the yellow outline shown below.



OPEN HOUSE SUMMARY

In April 2025, the City of Hamilton, BCTID, and ODOT hosted an in-person open house to:

- Share developing plans for two roundabouts in the area
- Share proposed improvements for pedestrians and bicyclists in the project area
- Gather community input and answer questions

The public Open House was held on April 24, 2025, in the cafeteria of the Hamilton Freshman School. The public was invited to come at their convenience any time between 6 and 8 p.m.

Upon arrival, attendees were provided with the following materials:

- A project fact sheet
- A printed comment form

Attendees were then invited to watch a four-minute video that introduced the project and addressed some of the most frequently asked questions that the project team had received to date. More detailed information was presented on four exhibit boards that were set up around the perimeter of the room. The boards depicted a map of the study area, overall information about the project, design features, and environmental features. Representatives from the City, BCTID, ODOT, and project team were stationed throughout the meeting space to discuss the boards, answer questions, listen to participants' comments and address their concerns.

Following the conclusion of the meeting, all materials shared at the open house, including the video presentation, were posted on the North Hamilton Crossing website (NorthHamiltonCrossing.org) for additional public review. The public comment period remained open through May 24 (30 days after the public meeting). Copies of all the information boards and handouts are provided in Appendix A: Exhibits & Materials.

More than 70 people attended the Open House, not including project team, City, BCTID and ODOT representatives and 36 completed comments forms were received by the end of the comment period on May 24.



Photos from the April 24, 2025, Roundabouts Open House.

PUBLIC NOTIFICATION

A comprehensive notification effort was implemented to inform the community about the upcoming NW Washington Roundabouts Open House. Notification efforts included:

News Release

The City of Hamilton distributed a release describing the project, its purpose, and the upcoming open house on March 25, 2025. The release was sent to local print, television and radio news outlets. Fifteen stories were tracked between March 26 and April 24, 2025. A copy of the release and a report summarizing media coverage received is provided in Appendix B: Notification Materials.

Hamilton Journal-News Ad

A quarter-page, full-color ad promoting the open house was printed in the Hamilton Journal-News on Sunday, March 30, 2025. A copy of the ad is shown below. The ad and an image showing its placement in the newspaper are also included in Appendix B.

Figure 3: Image of the public meeting advertisement that was placed in the Hamilton Journal-News.

NW WASHINGTON BLVD. / W ELKTON RD. / NORTH B ST.

ROUNDABOUTS OPEN HOUSE

Thursday, April 24, 2025 | 6 pm to 8 pm
Hamilton Freshman School
2260 NW Washington Blvd. | Hamilton, OH 45013

The City of Hamilton and Butler County Transportation Improvement District (BCTID), in coordination with the Butler County Engineer's Office (BCEO) and the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT), are hosting a public open house to share developing plans for two roundabouts and improvements for pedestrians and bicyclists to be constructed in the vicinity of NW Washington Blvd., W Elkton Rd., and North B St.

The public is invited to review and discuss the plans with project team representatives. Feedback received will be considered by the project team as they begin developing final plans for the project.

More information at: NorthHamiltonCrossing.org

PROJECT AREA

Map labels: Freshman School, NW Washington Blvd., Berkley Dr., Bethel Community Church, Lisa Renee Dr., W Elkton Rd., Nelson St., Hamilton Eaton Rd., North B St., Combs Park, Great Miami River.

Logos: Department of Transportation, BCTID, City of Hamilton, North Hamilton Crossing.

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Anyone needing interpretation services or other reasonable accommodations to participate should contact Pat Yingling, City of Hamilton, at Pat.Yingling@hamilton-oh.gov or (513) 785-7271.

Mailer

Double-sided mailers were delivered to 1,096 addresses located within the project area (primarily residential). The mailers were distributed during the week of April 7, 2025. A copy of the mailer is included in Appendix B.

Social Media

A post highlighting the project and upcoming open house was shared on the City of Hamilton's Facebook page on March 25, 2025. A copy of the post is shown in Figure 4 and in Appendix B.

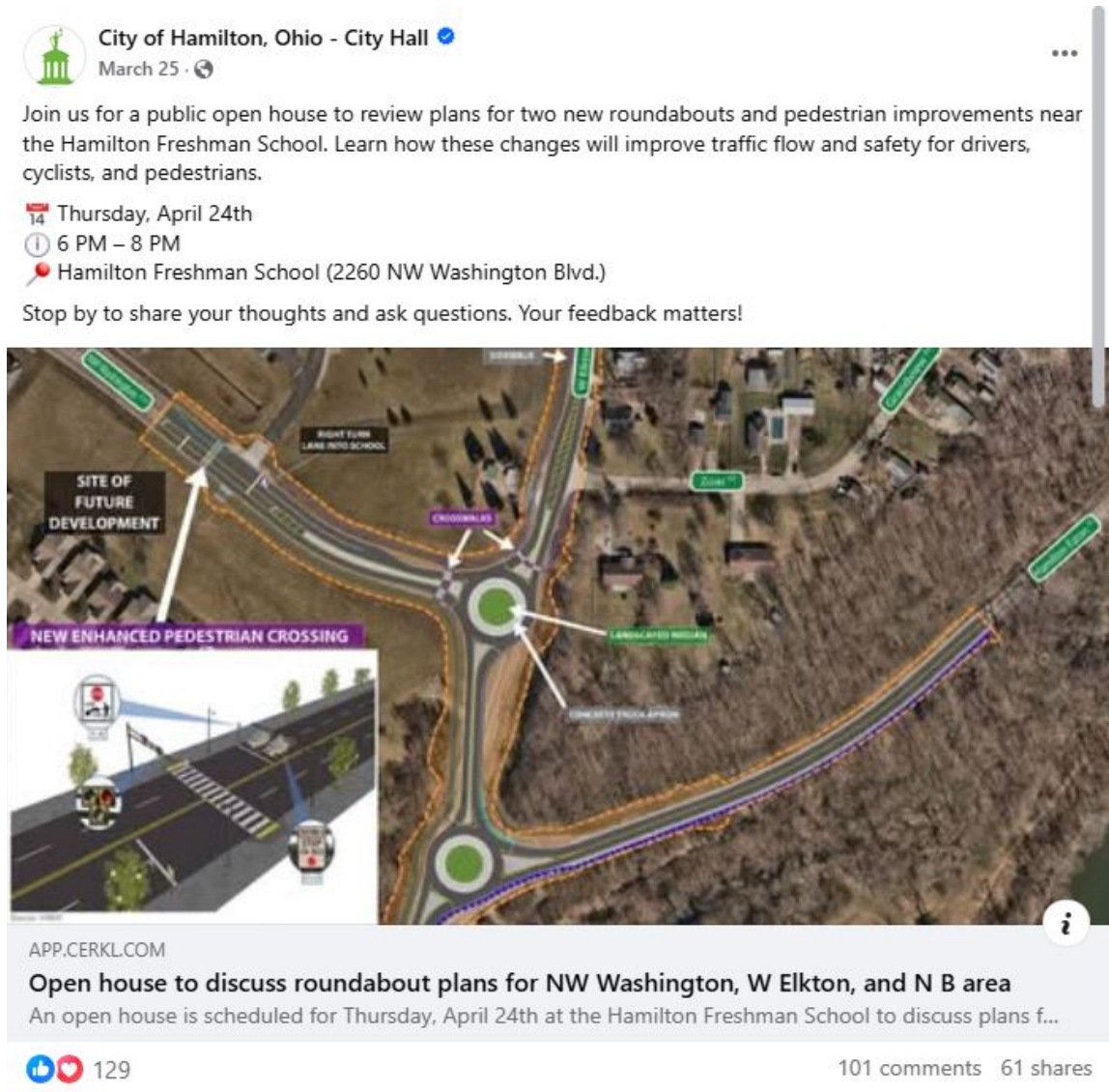
Flyers

Flyers promoting the open house event were placed at 13 locations throughout the project area. Images of the flyers, as well as a list of all flyer locations, are provided in Appendix B.

Website Announcement

An announcement highlighting the upcoming open house was posted as a popup on the homepage of the project website beginning in late March 2025.

Figure 4: A screenshot of a City of Hamilton Facebook post promoting the upcoming open house.



INPUT SUMMARY

Feedback received at the public open house regarding the proposed roundabouts project was generally neutral to positive. Thirty-four completed comment forms were returned to project team members at the open house, and two additional forms were received via email before the public comment period ended on May 24.

In addition to filling out the comment form, visitors were also invited to share questions and comments via mail, email, and phone calls directed to Pat Yingling, Senior Civil Engineer, City of Hamilton. Throughout the comment period, Mr. Yingling received two emails (which contained completed comment forms) and one phone call. No letters were received. All emails and phone calls received during the comment period are documented in Appendix C: Comments Received.

Table 1. Summary of participation and feedback received.

INPUT CHANNEL	
IN PERSON MEETING	
Participants	70+
Comment Forms Received	36
EMAILS	2
PHONE CALLS	1

KEY FINDINGS

Below is a summary of key findings gathered based on all feedback received during the public review and input opportunity:

- Meeting participants generally supported the idea of the roundabouts and recognized their potential to better manage traffic. However, some individuals either didn't like the roundabout concept and/or indicated a preference for traffic lights instead (they felt the lights would better manage traffic and/or would cost less). Several people questioned why two roundabouts were being planned instead of a single, larger roundabout.
- In general, meeting attendees were enthusiastic about the shared-use trail and sidewalks. A number of individuals suggested extending the sidewalks further and/or adding more sidewalks across the street.
- Access in and out of the pocket neighborhood north of the NW Washington Blvd./North B St. intersection (Zoar, Nelson, Woodrow and Grandview streets) as well as to and from other residential streets in the area is a concern for some local residents, both now and once the roundabouts are completed.
- Some local residents are concerned about the maintenance of traffic during construction and disruptions to local neighborhoods and would like construction to be completed quickly to minimize related impacts.

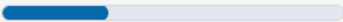
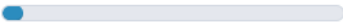
COMMENT FORM SUMMARY

Following is a summary of responses received for each question included on the in-person meeting comment form.

Note: Respondents had the option to skip questions. Therefore, the number of respondents for each question varies, and the percentages shown were calculated based on the number of people who answered the question at hand.

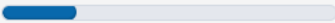
QUESTION 1: How often do you travel in the project area?

36 people answered this question. Of these, most respondents (64%) said they travel in the project area daily.

Value	Percent		Responses
Daily	63.9%		23
Several times a week	30.6%		11
Every few weeks	5.6%		2

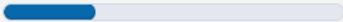
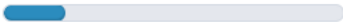
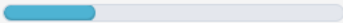
QUESTION 2: How familiar are you with using roundabouts?

36 people responded to this question. Of those, the majority (75%) say they are very familiar with roundabouts, and another 22% say they are somewhat familiar with them.

Value	Percent		Responses
Very familiar	75.0%		27
Somewhat familiar	22.2%		8
Not very familiar	2.8%		1

QUESTION 3: What feature of this project interests you most?

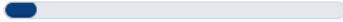
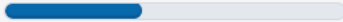
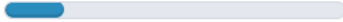
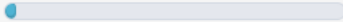
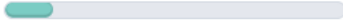
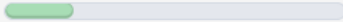
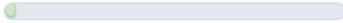
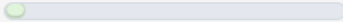
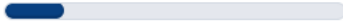
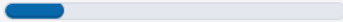
There were 49 responses to this question. The feature people were most interested in was roundabouts, with 74% of the responses. The shared-use path and the enhanced pedestrian crossing both received 26.5% of the responses.

Value	Percent		Responses
Roundabouts	73.5%		25
Shared-use path	26.5%		9
Sidewalk	17.6%		6
Enhanced pedestrian crossing across NW Washington Blvd	26.5%		9

QUESTION 4: How did you hear about tonight's Open House?

There were 51 responses to this question. The most frequently cited sources included a newspaper article (40%) and an email/newsletter announcement received from the City of Hamilton (20%). Other frequently cited sources included social media, word-of-mouth and Other (17.1% each). Options offered for Other included announcements shared at a Berkeley Square and at a BCTID meeting, a friend, and an email.

Figure 7. Responses for "How did you hear about tonight's Open House?"

Value	Percent		Responses
Newspaper Ad	8.6%		3
Newspaper Article	40.0%		14
Social Media	17.1%		6
Radio/TV	2.9%		1
Mailer sent to my house	14.3%		5
City Email/Newsletter	20.0%		7
City/BCTID website	2.9%		1
Flyer	5.7%		2
Word of Mouth	17.1%		6
Other - please specify (click to view)	17.1%		6

QUESTION 5: Use the space below to share any additional questions or comments you may have about the project.

There were 18 responses to this question. All responses were reviewed and categorized by theme, as shown below in Table 2. Included in Table 2 is a brief summary of the descriptors that characterized each theme. Multiple themes were often identified within a single response; therefore, the number of counts documented exceeds the number of responses submitted. Following the table are responses that contained a question or suggestion. The full content of all comments received are documented in the Comments Received section of Appendix C, in addition to responses provided for questions asked and suggestions made.

Table 2. Comment themes for “Use the space below to share any additional questions or comments you may have about the project.”

Theme	Count	Descriptors
Access Issues	6	Difficult to access NW Washington Blvd. from Berkeley; unsure project will help those in Hamilton West Estates; roundabouts will make it hard to get into my driveway
Question	6	Comment contained a question
Suggestion	5	Comment contains a suggestion
More Sidewalk	4	Continue the shared use path to Berkeley and Cleveland Ave., need sidewalks for kids going to school, add a sidewalk on NW Washington all the way to Cleveland
Thank You/Nice Work	3	Thank you for this work, impressed by the research and work on the project, nice presentation
Maintenance of Traffic	3	Be prepared before construction begins; can work be done in off hours to ease impacts
Misc	3	Comments could not easily be placed into a theme
Safety Concerns	2	Might need to reduce speed limits between Cleveland Ave. and roundabouts; crosswalks near the roundabout will be dangerous
NHX	2	Comments referenced the larger North Hamilton Crossing project
Traffic Signal	2	Put in a stoplight instead of a roundabout
One Roundabout	2	Use one roundabout instead of two
Roundabout Support	2	The roundabouts will help with traffic
Driver Training	1	Provide training videos for people to learn how to travel through roundabouts

Questions Received

1. Will percolation test be performed to ✓ drainage - so as not to cause homeowners or others issues in the future - that area is the "Great Miami River Basin"

Will accommodations be made for traffic to access Zoar Street and Nelson Street and Woodrow St. once the roundabouts are built or someone else's problem? \$

Change grade of hill?

Cost compare study Traffic Signal vs Roundabout Now and Later \$ Lots of dollars spent both now and down line for up keep of roundabouts vs traffic signals - especially - possible recession looming

of vehicles impacted by this construction and how long is the delay going to be

A) Can the work be done during "off hours" to minimize impact?

YES to a need for sidewalks kids walking to school//Bikes

Will the approaches to the roundabouts and the roundabouts be equipped with ICE prevention technology to help during the extremes of our winters

2. I live right across street between Zoar & Nelson & have water runoff problems already from all the houses up the hill plus neighbors' sewers runoff goes straight into my basement. Will any sewer pipe be laid or option to switch to Hamilton Sewer rather than septic tank? I can barely get out of driveway now with speeders. I have no air conditioning, so I open my windows. Construction will ruin my house & my lungs that close so long.
3. The intersection of Hamilton Eaton Rd. and N. B. St. is impossible to turn left at all times of the day. Why can't a simple stop light solve the issue? We travel this route nearly every day and sometimes multiple times a day. We have to leave at least 10 minutes early if we have an appointment to make it on time.
4. Was realignment of NW Washington Blvd and Hamilton-Eaton Rd considered at all before the two roundabouts were decided on. It seems that one roundabout with four intersecting roads might be much simpler to manage/maintain. Of course, environmental factors may have played an integral part in the final decision.
5. I agree with the right turn lane into the school.

Why not put in traffic lights instead of roundabouts and upgrade/repave West Elkton Rd.

The cross walks that are proposed - the kids don't walk that way. They walk down the sidewalk on the same side of the school walking toward Cleveland Ave.

The communities across the street from the Freshman school are retirement communities. No children walk across the street to these communities.

6. 1. Should thought be given to considering one large roundabout?
2. Please provide average numbers of vehicles traveling on each road per day:

- NW Washington Blvd
- W Elkton Road
- North B Street
- Hamilton Eaton Road

Suggestions Received

1. Very excited about "shared use path"...I would like City to consider NOW + IN THE FUTURE of possible use of golf carts (road ready) as a feasible mode of transportation on city streets!!

Pedestrian crossings - would it be possible to have pedestrian bridges over the streets!! MUCH SAFER For all our students!!

May need to reduce speed limit from Cleveland Ave to roundabouts. Problem gaining access to Northwest Blvd. for Berkeley, and other side streets in this area.

Suggest new bridge be closer to roundabout rather than to Spooky Nook!! Overall Project Design is Excellent. I am very excited. Thank you!!

PS: Continue Shared Use Path to Berkeley + Cleveland Avenue

Suggestion for another project:

What about shared use path up EATON ROAD HILL!! It terrifies me when I see pedestrians/bikers "climbing" that hill.

2. Sidewalk across from the freshman school appears to stop at the end of the Retirement Homes. Be nice to have sidewalk extend to Berkeley and maybe Cleveland Ave.
3.
 1. I think the City needs to do training videos so people can learn how to travel thru the roundabout - Right of way etc. I understand the county has these kinds of materials that can be shared on your social media page.
 2. I'm still not sure the changes to the one lane will help those of us who live in Hamilton West Estates get out of our subdivision. People do not come to a full stop @ Cleveland and the speed towards W. Elkton. Cars coming from W. Elkton towards Cleveland driveway to fast - quite a few don't even obey the school zone speed.
 3. All for the roundabout - I know it helps with traffic overall.
4. Suggestion: Don't spend the money to install roundabouts. WHY: The amount (2.5 mil) per roundabout is too costly, so cost/benefit ration compared to a stoplight is way out of proportion. So project could be simpler & less expensive.

[This comment was accompanied by a sketch showing a suggested change in planning and design. The sketch is included with comment in Appendix C.]

5. I mentioned this to Allen Messer and he seemed to think it might be possible but I am wondering if the evergreen tree that is closest to West Elkton and NW Washington intersection could be removed prior to

the roundabout project (immediately would be great!) It really blocks the view when turning right onto West Elkton from NW Washington so removing it now might eliminate some accidents.

I would also appreciate a sidewalk on NW Washington on my side of the street all the way to Cleveland. I live in Washington Estates and go to Berkeley Square for Silver Sneakers classes 3 days a week. If there were a sidewalk on my side of NW Washington I could walk to class.

SUMMARY OF OTHER COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED

Throughout the 30-day public comment period, one phone call was received by Pat Yingling, City of Hamilton. The purpose of the call was primarily to share the caller's disagreement with the concept for the roundabouts and their concerns about pedestrian safety at the planned crosswalks. The content of the phone call is documented in Appendix C.

Two emails were received which forwarded completed copies of two comment forms.

Appendix A: Exhibits & Materials

Exhibit Boards

NW Washington Roundabouts Fact Sheet

Comment Form

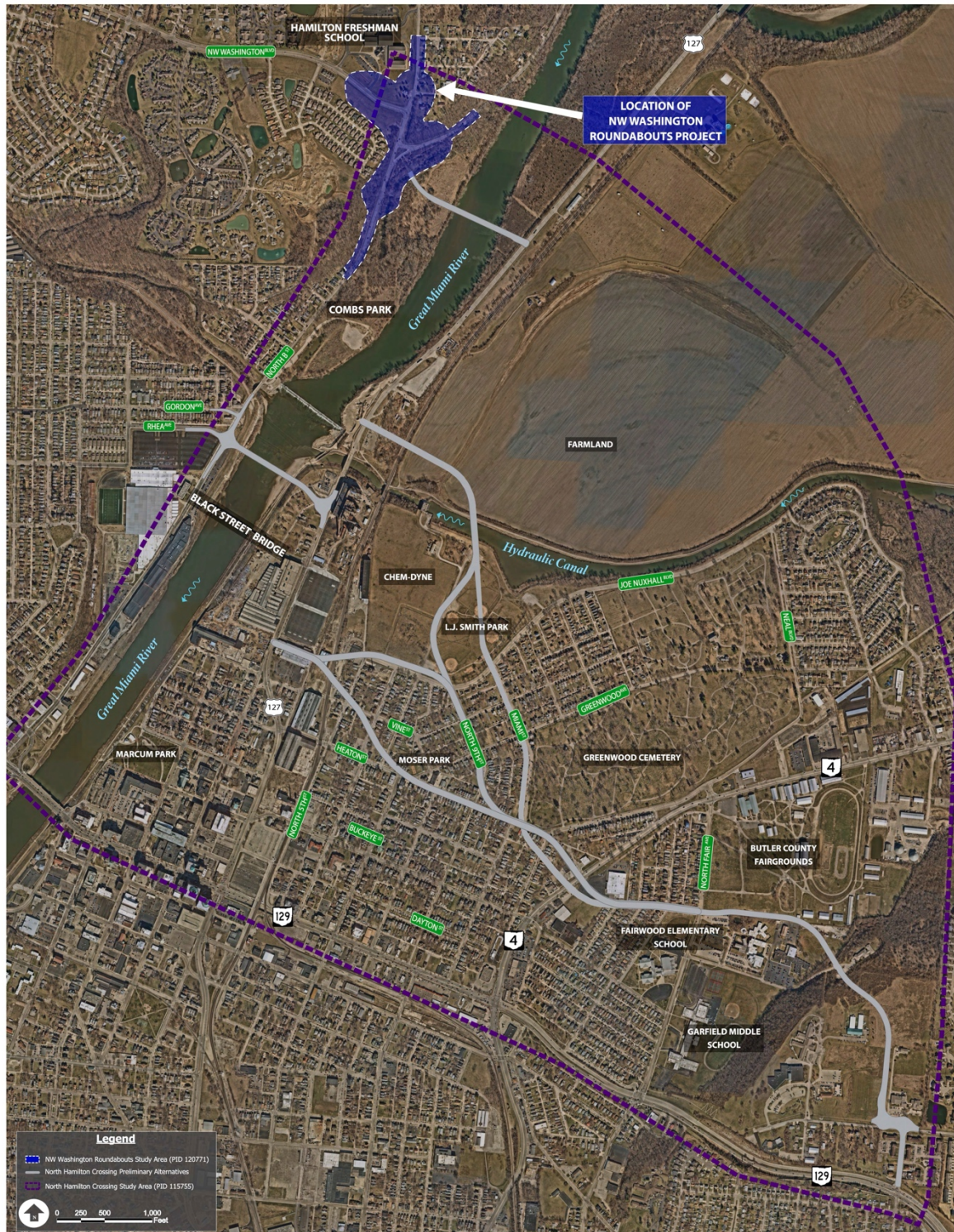
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Open House Exhibits



Study Area relative to North Hamilton Crossing (NHX)

NW Washington Blvd/W Elkton Rd/North B St Roundabouts





Project Information

NW Washington Blvd/W Elkton Rd/North B St Roundabouts

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The City of Hamilton and the Butler County Transportation Improvement District (BCTID), in collaboration with the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) District 8, are proposing an intersection improvement project in the vicinity of NW Washington Boulevard and North B Street (PID 120771). The concept for the proposed project is to convert two preexisting intersections into two single-lane roundabouts that service traffic traveling along North B Street and intersect with NW Washington Boulevard and West Elkton Road. The proposed project will include the installation of a shared-use path and sidewalk to provide safer and more convenient access for bicyclists and pedestrians to the Hamilton Freshman School.

PROJECT PURPOSE & NEED

The purpose of this project is to slow down traffic, reduce congestion, and improve safety on busy arterial roads adjacent to the Hamilton Freshman School. The roundabouts will serve to calm traffic through the school zone and allow vehicles to pass through the area more smoothly and efficiently. The project will also improve access for pedestrians and bicyclists, who currently have no separated walkways or sidewalk connections.

PROJECT HISTORY

This project was originally conceived during planning studies for the North Hamilton Crossing (NHX) project, a new boulevard style, four-lane roadway in the northeast part of Hamilton. The NHX project is still in development and a preferred route alternative has not yet been identified. Further study revealed that the two proposed roundabouts at NW Washington Boulevard, North B Street, and West Elkton Road would address the needs of the area regardless of NHX. Because the project can function independently, it was advanced separately from the rest of NHX.

NEXT STEPS

This project is currently in the engineering and environmental study phase of the ODOT Project Development Process (PDP). The environmental document will be complete later this year. Construction is planned in phases. The first phase of construction will include work that does not require closure of the existing roadway, such as utility relocations. To avoid traffic disruptions, the second phase of construction is scheduled to begin when school is out for the summer. A detour is expected to be required. The City of Hamilton anticipates the following project schedule:

Engineering and Environmental Studies.....	We Are Here
Environmental Document Approved.....	September 2025
Right-of-Way Acquisition.....	October 2025 – September 2026
Utility Relocation.....	February 2027
Roadway Construction with Closures	February 2027 – August 2027

PROJECT DEVELOPMENT PROCESS (PDP)



Project Design Features

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Environmental Features

NW Washington Blvd/W Elkton Rd/North B St Roundabouts



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PROJECT OVERVIEW

The NW Washington Blvd., W. Elktion Rd., and North B St. intersections are experiencing congestion and travel delays. In addition, few paths are available for pedestrians. Instead, local residents, students walking to nearby schools, and bicyclists must travel either on road shoulders or in the grass next to the roads.

To make driving, walking, and riding bikes in the area easier and safer, the City of Hamilton and the Butler County Transportation Improvement District (BCTID), working in coordination with the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) and Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana Regional Council of Governments (OKI), are planning the following improvements:

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A NORTH HAMILTON CROSSING PROJECT

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PROJECT TIMING

Funding has been secured for final design and construction of the NW Washington Roundabouts project. Construction is anticipated to begin in 2027.

QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

After today, questions and comments about the NW Washington Roundabouts project can be submitted to:

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City of Hamilton
345 High Street, Hamilton, OH 45011
Pat.Yingling@hamilton-oh.gov, 513-785-7271

BENEFITS OF ROUNDABOUTS

Compared to traditional intersections, roundabouts offer significant benefits. Roundabouts:

- Reduce vehicle travel speeds
- Eliminate conflict points
- Allow a near-continuous flow of traffic through an intersection

Together, these features improve traffic flow and make travel in the area safer and more efficient.

Before entering a roundabout, drivers must slow down and yield to any traffic already moving inside of it. When clear, drivers merge into the roundabout and follow it in a counterclockwise direction to their desired exit.



Project Design Features

NW Washington Blvd/W Elkton Rd/North B St Roundabouts



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Comment Form



NW WASHINGTON ROUNDABOUTS COMMENT FORM

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Thank you for attending this evening's Open House. Please use this form to share any additional comments about the project or questions you may have. You can leave your completed form at the Welcome Table or with any project team representative.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

☐ I would like to receive North Hamilton Crossing email updates (be sure to include your email address)

How often do you travel in the project area?

☐ Daily ☐ Several times a week ☐ Every few weeks ☐ Every few months

How familiar are you with using roundabouts?

☐ Very familiar ☐ Somewhat familiar ☐ Not very familiar ☐ I've never used one

Which feature of this project interests you most?

☐ Roundabouts ☐ Shared-use path ☐ Sidewalk ☐ Enhanced pedestrian crossing across NW Washington Blvd.

How did you hear about tonight's Open House? (check all that apply)

☐ Newspaper Ad	☐ Mailer sent to my house	☐ North Hamilton Crossing website
☐ Newspaper Article	☐ City Email/Newsletter	☐ Word of Mouth
☐ Social Media	☐ City/BCTID website	☐ Other (please specify)
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QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

Use the space below to share any additional questions or comments you may have about the project.

Following tonight's meeting, questions and comments can be submitted to Pat Yingling, P.E., Senior Civil Engineer for the City of Hamilton, by mail, email or phone:

City of Hamilton | 345 High Street | Hamilton, OH 45011 | Pat.Yingling@hamilton-oh.gov | 513-785-7271



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**CITY HOSTS OPEN HOUSE TO SHARE ROUNDABOUT PLANS
FOR NW WASHINGTON BLVD., W. ELKTON RD., AND NORTH B ST. AREA**

Open House scheduled for April 24 at Hamilton Freshman School

HAMILTON, Ohio (March 25, 2025) – The City of Hamilton and the Butler County Transportation Improvement District (BCTID), in coordination with the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT), are hosting a public open house on Thursday, April 24, to discuss developing plans for two roundabouts and improvements for pedestrians and bicyclists to be constructed in the NW Washington Blvd., W Elkton Rd., and North B St. area. The public is invited to review the plans and provide their feedback.

Roundabouts Open House

April 24, 2025 | 6 pm – 8 pm

Hamilton Freshman School

2260 NW Washington Blvd. | Hamilton, OH 45013

The first roundabout will be constructed at the intersection of NW Washington Blvd. and W Elkton Rd., near the Freshman School. The other will be constructed approximately 400 ft south at the intersection of W Elkton Rd. and North B St. A new sidewalk will be constructed along the north side of NW Washington Blvd. and the west side of W Elkton Rd., and a new shared-use path will be constructed along the south side of NW Washington Blvd. and west side of North B St. to make walking and riding bikes in the area easier and safer (see attached map for additional detail).

“Travel in this area is often hampered by congestion, and kids walking to school or riding their bikes either have to be on the grass or on the side of the road. This isn’t particularly pleasant or safe for anyone,” said Allen Messer, Director of Engineering for the City of Hamilton. “As we work to improve traffic flow throughout the City, our goal for this project is to slow down speeding vehicles, reduce congestion, and improve overall safety for drivers, area residents, pedestrians, and bicyclists, particularly as they move along busy roads near the elementary and high schools.”

Messer noted that compared to traditional intersections, roundabouts offer significant benefits by reducing travel speeds and conflict points. This calms traffic flow and allows vehicles to pass through the area more smoothly and efficiently.



"The roundabouts project began as part of the North Hamilton Crossing project, which is focused on reducing congestion and improving connectivity and travel safety through the north Hamilton area," said Dan Corey, Director of the Butler County Transportation Improvement District. "But because the roundabouts can be completed as an independent project, we were able to move their planning and construction forward while we continue working to complete the preliminary studies for the broader North Hamilton Crossing project."

Note: The North Hamilton Crossing project is currently still in development and a preferred route alternative has not yet been identified.

At the open house, attendees will be able to review detailed information and maps highlighting the roundabouts, new sidewalks and new shared-use path. Members of the project team will be present to answer questions and discuss current project status, as well as next steps. There will not be a formal presentation; participants can stop by at their convenience. Feedback received from the public will be reviewed and considered by the project team as they begin developing final plans for the project.

Funding has been secured for final design and construction of the roundabouts project. Construction is anticipated to begin in 2027.

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Anyone needing interpretation services or other reasonable accommodations to participate in the open house should contact Pat Yingling, City of Hamilton, at Pat.Yingling@hamilton-oh.gov or (513) 785-7271.





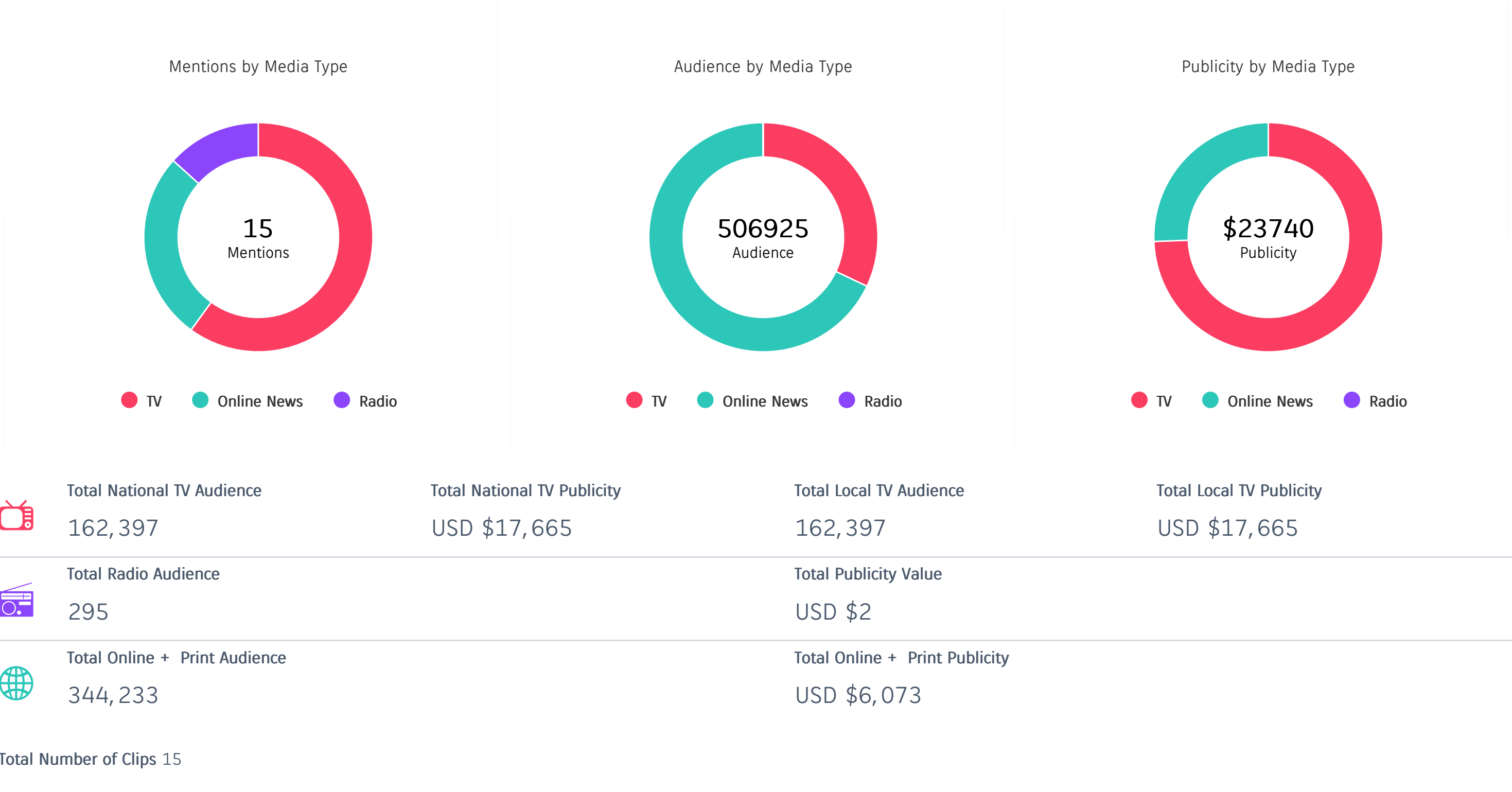
NW Washington Blvd/W Elktion Rd/North B St Roundabouts

Project Design Features



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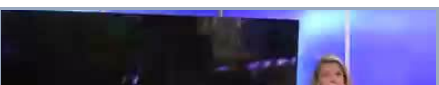
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City of Hamilton hosting public open house to discuss proposed roundabout locations

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 Two Hamilton roundabouts coming: City looking for input from public

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More information at: NorthHamiltonCrossing.org



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LOCAL & STATE

WARREN COUNTY

Ohio Supreme Court to hear juror impartiality issue

Franklin Twp. man says he was denied fair trial in rape case.

By Jen Balduf
Staff Writer



Todd Rogers

The Ohio Supreme Court is scheduled to hear oral arguments Tuesday in a Warren County child sex abuse case and whether a Franklin Twp. man was denied the right to a fair trial.

At issue is whether a juror was biased based on his responses during voir dire, the process of questioning jurors to ensure impartiality, ahead of the July 2023 trial for Todd Jeffrey Rogers of Franklin Twp. in Warren County Common Pleas Court.

The jury ultimately convicted Rogers, 44, of one count each of rape of a child younger than 10 and of attempted rape of a child younger than 10 plus six counts of gross sexual

imposition, all felony charges. Judge Robert Peeler sentenced him to 15 years to life.

Rogers is incarcerated in the London Correctional Institution and will be eligible for parole in 2038, according to the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation & Correction website.

Rogers appealed his conviction to the 12th District Court of Appeals, based in Middletown, claiming the juror showed bias against him and tainted the jury, requiring a new trial.

The Warren County Prosecutor's Office responded that a prospective juror's preconceived thoughts about

a case do not mean a person can't be impartial, and that in group answers the juror also said he could fairly decide the case, according to court records.

Appellate judges in April 2024 upheld Rogers' conviction, agreeing with the prosecution, including the full jury, answered in the affirmative when asked whether they could apply the law as explained to them, along with other similar questions.

The record as a whole shows the juror was not biased, the appeals court concluded.

Rogers then appealed to the Ohio Supreme Court, which agreed to review the issues.

When prospective jurors confirm as a group that they will apply the law, does that overcome one prospective juror's expressions of partiality?

After expressing partiality, must a prospective juror individually affirm that he

or she can be impartial to be seated on the jury?

Background

A Warren County grand jury indicted Rogers in September 2022 on charges of rape, attempted rape and gross sexual imposition involving an 8-year-old girl known to Rogers who said she had been abused since she was 5, according to court records.

Prospective jurors were asked questions by the judge, prosecutor and defense counsel during voir dire, with some questions directed individually and others to the group.

The judge explained the nature of the case and that it involved a child, that jurors would hear from a child witness.

The judge said to the prospective jurors, "You can't apply sympathy and you can't apply prejudice. It has to be fair when you're evaluating the case. Is there anyone who thinks they would have trouble doing that with a child

witness?"

One prospective juror, who was identified in the briefs by the fictitious name "McCarthy," said, "I might have a hard time with it." The judge asked McCarthy, "Do you think you can follow the instructions I give to you in this case ... Can you put that aside and listen to the evidence and be fair?" McCarthy responded, "It's a good question. I don't have an answer for you." The judge said the attorneys could explore McCarthy's responses further.

Defense counsel asked the group, "So if you had to give us a verdict right now, guilty or not guilty, knowing that there's a presumption of innocence, that he's innocent as he sits here right now, what would your verdict be?"

McCarthy responded, "I'd say it'd be hard for me to say that he's not guilty," he said. "... there's someone from the police department that's gonna talk. So, yeah, people don't wind up here

from not doing anything." Defense counsel did not seek to remove McCarthy as a juror. Rogers argues McCarthy expressed bias against him throughout voir dire. McCarthy said he did not know whether he could fairly evaluate a case involving a child. He also said he would have difficulty presuming Rogers was innocent until proven otherwise.

It is hard to imagine a more explicit admission of bias, Rogers' brief stated, and also noted that the juror never individually said he would set aside his opinions, which Rogers said resulted in a jury that was not impartial.

Warren County prosecutors said a juror's preconceived notion about a defendant's guilt or innocence does not mean a prospective juror is not capable of being impartial, that McCarthy's responses showed his internal struggle rather than an actual bias.

HEALTH CARE

'Huge sigh of relief': New policy a step forward for parent caregivers

Ohio agency eases caregiver search requirements; families mull next steps.

By Sydney Dawes
Staff Writer

Ohio parents who are paid by the state to be caregivers for their loved ones with disabilities must search for a replacement caregiver once a year before they can continue to be paid caregivers, according to an updated state policy.

This update — announced this month by the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities — is a shift from requiring parents to engage in a caregiver search every four to six months.

The policy update follows a lawsuit against the ODOD, asking the Ohio Supreme Court to rescind the four- to six-month provider replacement search policy.

An Ohio Developmental Disabilities spokesperson said the agency distributed an updated memo detailing the new guidance this week.

"ODOD expects that each (county board of developmental disabilities) will repackage the provider search process annually, to align with the annual planning requirements," according to the memo. "During the provider search process, the Board would continue to authorize services to the parent through the completion of the process and would only begin to transition services if a willing and



Mimi Sodano hugs her dog, Molly. She requires specialized home care for a rare neurodevelopmental disorder. COURTESY

able provider is identified."

Some Ohio parents involved in the lawsuit, including Mason resident Lindsey Sodano, said the policy was created without following Ohio law and procedure for rulemaking, and disrupted care.

Sodano has been working as her child's direct caregiver since 2022, and she's also the leader of the advocacy group End Ohio's Parent Penalty. Her daughter, Mimi, has a rare neurodevelopmental disorder and receives home care services through a Medicaid waiver.

"This is a huge sigh of relief for families," said Sodano. "It's proof that when families

stand up and speak the truth, we can force change — even from the most entrenched bureaucracies."

The state's highest court this week dismissed the lawsuit against ODOD.

The Ohio Attorney General's Office argued in its motion to dismiss the case, filed in January, that guidance issued by the ODOD that details the provider search timeframe was "advisory on its face" and not an attempt to create new rules.

State attorneys also argued that Ohio law requires county boards to annually review the propriety of current providers, and possibly more frequently if they feel that it is appropriate.

"While there are benefits to allowing some parents to provide these services, there are also significant costs," attorneys argued. "Once the local county board finds such a provider or direct care worker, that person or agency may work with the minor child for years and eliminate any need for a further search. Such an arrangement provides for more stability for children with developmental disabilities and their families."

Under Ohio's administrative code, parents can be employed as the direct care workers for their children through the Medicaid and community-based waivers. But for the child's parent to be eligible, there must be "no other willing and able provider or direct care worker available" to provide the waiver services, according to state code.

Although the mandated provider search for Sodano's family did not find any replacements to care for Mimi, Sodano said the search was a scary process.

According to Sodano, several people applied to work with her daughter. One of the applicants had a listed business address of "123 Main Street, Suite 101, Anytown, USA, 12345."

If Sodano were to reject her proposed replacement, she would be disqualified as a care worker herself, she said.

Sodano said the update to the policy isn't the "finish line." She and her legal team are evaluating their next steps and want to see the mandatory provider searches eliminated.

MOTHERHOOD, PART II

New generation, same math anxiety: Goals on other side of equation



Darci Jordan

College classes are hard. As an agricultural communications student back in the day I remember wondering why I needed to learn certain skills, like advanced math.

I mean, my communications focus was print journalism, no "math" required, one would think. Who actually uses calculus, anyway?

"Diverse college classes make you more well-rounded," my parents said. The only rounding I got out of college algebra was how to "get around" using math at all costs.

Our younger son is a freshman in college. He has his sights set on the skies and is studying aviation. In his first semester he pulled off a dean's list honor, however, he said, "Don't get used to it. I have Math 1220 next semester."

Just a few weeks into his second semester, Math 1220 was the bane of his existence. I feel his pain. It's not that he is a poor math student like his mother was (is), Math 1220 is just a lot of information in a short amount of time — so much so that he is exploring other majors that do not require extensive math courses.

Being an aviation enthusiast, though, it's hard for him to envision his future as anything other than an airline pilot.

"A lot of majors cross over into other things," I tried to explain to him. "You could major in business and work for Cessna."

Still airplanes, right? But it's not the same for him. He wants to have his head in the clouds with an unparalleled and unobstructed view of the world (despite the anxiety it causes his parents).

"I am a writer and am working in education," I tried to explain. "At some point you just need to graduate with a degree. It does not mean you will be pigeonholed into a specific career. Skills grow and interests change."

A college degree is an accomplishment — an expensive accomplishment — but nonetheless, it's the goal he has chosen. And I hope he achieves it. I hope he is able to see past the horrors of Math 1220 and literally close the book on it sooner rather than later.

What he doesn't see is that surviving Math 1220 will clear the air and open up the skies for him. Well, that and the Federal Aviation Administration medical approval he is still waiting for (Dear FAA, can you hear me yet? Come, ON).

Math 1220 is temporary, although to him it will feel like an eternity. And I am sure pilots actually use math when calculating weights and balances, among other things. So, it's fair to say, he will thank his college for this one day — just maybe not this semester.

NW WASHINGTON BLVD. / W ELKTON RD. / NORTH B ST.

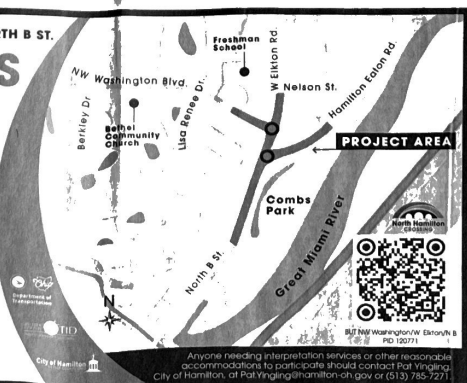
ROUNABOUTS OPEN HOUSE

Thursday, April 24, 2025 | 6 pm to 8 pm
Hamilton Freshman School
2260 NW Washington Blvd. | Hamilton, OH 45013

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The public is invited to review and discuss the plans with project team representatives. Feedback received will be considered by the project team as they begin developing final plans for the project.

More information at: NorthHamiltonCrossing.org



Anyone needing interpretation services or other reasonable accommodations to participate should contact the Village of City of Hamilton, at PublicEngagement@hamilton-oh.gov or (513) 785-7271.

Appendix B: Notification Materials

Social Media



City of Hamilton, Ohio - City Hall

March 25 · 🌐

Join us for a public open house to review plans for two new roundabouts and pedestrian improvements near the Hamilton Freshman School. Learn how these changes will improve traffic flow and safety for drivers, cyclists, and pedestrians.

📅 Thursday, April 24th

🕒 6 PM – 8 PM

📍 Hamilton Freshman School (2260 NW Washington Blvd.)

Stop by to share your thoughts and ask questions. Your feedback matters!



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Open house to discuss roundabout plans for NW Washington, W Elkton, and N B area

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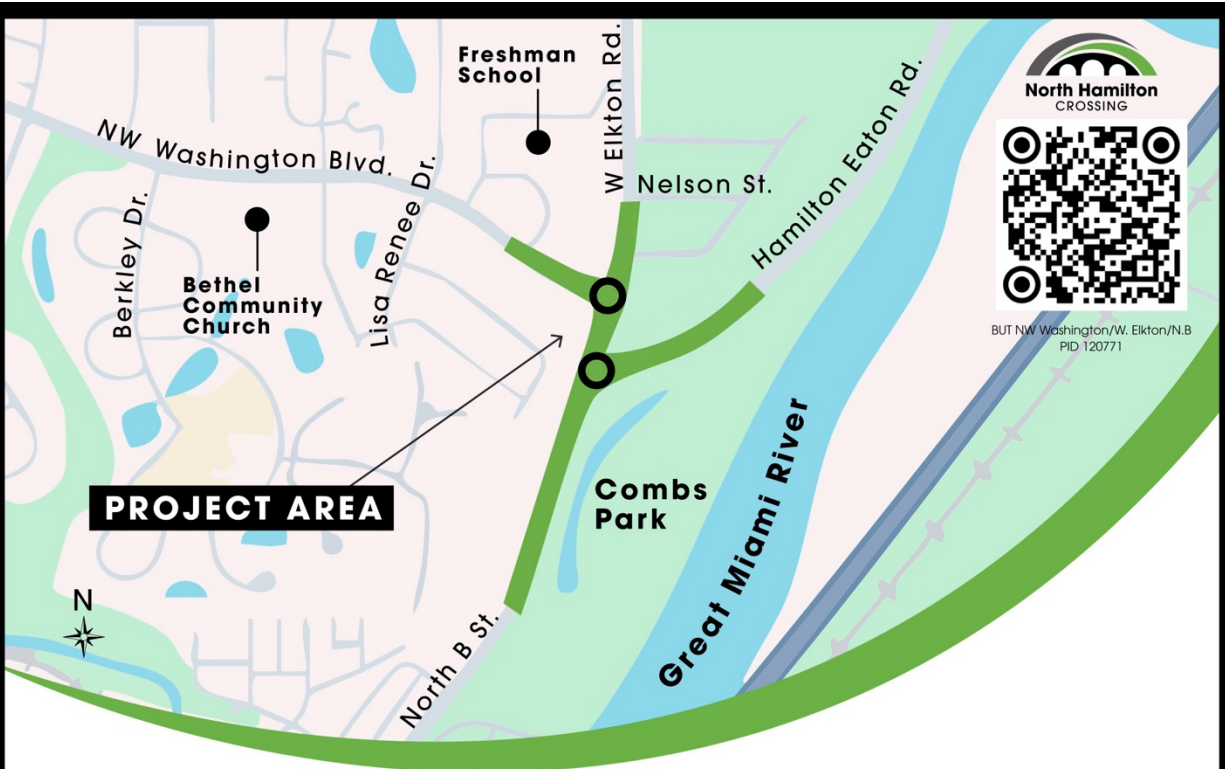
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Flyer

- Flyer
- Drop Locations



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Review and discuss the plans with the project team at the open house.
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Flyer Drop Off Locations

- Hamilton Lane Library – 300 N 3rd Street (Leave about 20)
- Riverview Food Mart – 901 N B Street
- Spooky Nook Sports Champion Mill – 601 N B Street
- Bridgeport Elementary School – 2171 Bridgeport Drive
- Hamilton Freshman School – 2260 NW Washington Boulevard
- Bethel Community Church – 2015 NW Washington Boulevard
- Berkley Square Retirement Community – 100 Berkley Drive
- St Peter in Chains Catholic Church – 382 Liberty Avenue
- Fitton Family YMCA – 1307 NW Washington Boulevard
- West Side Baptist Church – 154 Gordon Avenue
- Flubs Ice Cream – 981 Eaton Avenue
- Spooky Nook Sports Champion Mill – 601 North B Street
- City of Hamilton Offices – Multiple locations

Appendix B: Notification Materials

Mailer

- Mailer
- Distribution Routes



NW WASHINGTON BLVD. / W ELKTON RD. / NORTH B ST.

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TRAFFIC IMPROVEMENTS ARE COMING!

Roundabouts are being planned to reduce travel speeds and improve traffic flow at the intersection of NW Washington Blvd. and W Elkton Rd. – near the Freshman School – and at the intersection of W Elkton Rd. and North B St.

In addition, a new sidewalk will be constructed along the north side of NW Washington Blvd. and west side of W Elkton Rd., and a new shared-use path will be constructed along the south side of NW Washington Blvd. and west side of North B St., to make walking and riding bikes easier and safer.

Construction is anticipated to begin in 2027. Learn more about these planned improvements and ask questions at our open house on April 24!

More information at: NorthHamiltonCrossing.org

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NHX Website

- Pop Up Notice
- Participate Page Notice



ROUNDABOUTS OPEN HOUSE APRIL 24 | 6 pm - 8 pm

Hamilton Freshman School | Cafeteria
2260 NW Washington Blvd. | Hamilton, OH
45013
(use rear entrance)

Learn more about developing plans for two roundabouts and improvements for pedestrians and bicyclists in the NW Washington Blvd., W Elkton Rd., and North B. St. area.

Click the button below for more information about the Roundabouts Open House.

[Learn More](#) →

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Current Conditions

Travel through northeastern Hamilton is often slowed down due to:

Upcoming Public Input Opportunities & Meetings

Information about upcoming meetings and public input opportunities will be posted here when they are scheduled.

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[News Release](#)

[Project Design Features](#)

Past Public Input Opportunities

Below is information about public input opportunities that have been held to date:

North End Neighborhood Workshop: January 22, 2024

A neighborhood workshop was held with the North End Neighborhood on January 22, 2024 to discuss project alternatives in more detail and explore community needs and considerations in greater depth. Nearly 100 people attended. Meeting materials are provided below.

[Presentation](#)

[Central Section Alternatives Map](#)

[Meeting Summary Report](#)

Appendix C: Comments Received

Responses to Questions and Suggestions Received

All Comments Received

(submitted via Comment Forms)

Phone Contact Record

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RESPONSES TO QUESTIONS AND SUGGESTIONS RECEIVED

QUESTIONS RECEIVED

TYPE	#	COMMENTS	RESPONSE
Question	1.	Will percolation test be performed to ✓ drainage - so as not to cause homeowners or others issues in the future - that area is the "Great Miami River Basin"	The project will be designed to accommodate drainage according to the standards of the City of Hamilton and Ohio Department of Transportation.
		Will accommodations be made for traffic to access Zoar Street and Nelson Street and Woodrow St. once the roundabouts are built or someone else's problem?	Roundabout geometry in proximity to these streets will reduce vehicle speeds in both directions thereby improving the ability for drivers to safely turn from/onto W. Elkton Rd.
		Change grade of hill?	The slope of W. Elkton Rd. will be similar to the current slope.
		Cost compare study Traffic Signal vs Roundabout Now and Later	A roundabout has a higher initial capital expenditure cost compared to a traffic signal. However, over the design life of the project, the roundabout has a higher benefit to cost ratio. This is due to lower annual maintenance costs and reduced crashes. Roundabouts reduce fatal/injury crashes by 78% compared to traffic signals, which results in a significantly lower crash cost over the life of the project.
		Lots of dollars spent both now and down line for up keep of roundabouts vs traffic signals - especially - possible recession looming	Operational, maintenance, and delay costs are improved by constructing the roundabouts versus traffic signals.
		# of vehicles impacted by this construction and how long is the delay going to be A) Can the work be done during "off hours" to minimize impact? YES to a need for sidewalks kids walking to school/bikes	There are about 17,000 vehicles travelling along North B Street near the intersection with West Elkton. The impacts will vary considerably depending on the beginning and ending of trips. One example would be for a vehicle travelling from the Black Street Bridge to the Freshman Campus. The delay during closure would be an additional 4 minutes. The focus of construction scheduling will be done to avoid impacts while school is in session. Construction cannot be moved entirely to night work to avoid excessive noise issues for nearby residents. Thank you for your comment. Sidewalks and paths have been included in the project.

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		Will the approaches to the roundabouts and the roundabouts be equipped with ice prevention technology to help during the extremes of our winters	Ice control techniques for the project will be consistent with treatments currently used for roads in Hamilton.
Question	2.	[re: features that interest you: Nothing. It's just close enough to mess me up getting in & out of driveway, getting mail] I live right across street between Zoar & Nelson & have water runoff problems already from all the houses up the hill plus neighbors' sewers runoff goes straight into my basement. Will any sewer pipe be laid or option to switch to Hamilton Sewer rather than septic tank? I can barely get out of driveway now with speeders. I have no air conditioning, so I open my windows. Construction will ruin my house & my lungs that close so long.	The project will be designed to accommodate drainage according to the standards of the City of Hamilton and Ohio Department of Transportation. No additional sanitary sewers are planned as part of the project. Roundabout geometry in proximity to these streets will reduce vehicle speeds in both directions thereby improving the ability for drivers to safely turn from/onto W. Elkton Rd.
Question	3.	The intersection of Hamilton Eaton Rd. and N. B. St. is impossible to turn left at all times of the day. Why can't a simple stop light solve the issue? We travel this route nearly every day and sometimes multiple times a day. We have to leave at least 10 minutes early if we have an appointment to make it on time.	A primary issue we're working to address with this project is to improve traffic flow and travel safety through the area. Traffic signals require more starts and stops and could result in increased backed-up traffic and travel delays which in turn result in increased number of accidents. Roundabouts, however, reduce travel speeds and allow traffic to flow almost continuously, turn more easily in desired directions and travel through the area more safely.
Question	4.	Was realignment of NW Washington Blvd and Hamilton-Eaton Rd considered at all before the two roundabouts were decided on. It seems that one roundabout with four intersecting roads might be much simpler to manage/maintain. Of course, environmental factors may have played an integral part in the final decision. I will probably only utilize the roundabouts if I go to New Miami and beyond.	We explored constructing one large roundabout rather than two. However, while a single roundabout might have been simpler from a roadway standpoint, the hills in the area would make construction much more difficult and cost prohibitive. Construction would also have required significant earth-moving, which would have created more disturbance to the area and to the park below.
Question	5.	I agree with the right turn lane into the school.	A primary issue we're working to address with this project is to improve traffic flow and travel safety through the area. Traffic signals require

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		Why not put in traffic lights instead of roundabouts and upgrade/repave West Elkton Rd. The cross walks that are proposed - the kids don't walk that way. They walk down the sidewalk on the same side of the school walking toward Cleveland Ave. The communities across the street from the Freshman school are retirement communities. No children walk across the street to these communities.	more starts and stops and could result in backed-up traffic and travel delays. Roundabouts, however, reduce travel speeds and allow traffic to flow almost continuously, turn more easily in desired directions and travel through the area more safely. The sidewalk connections are planned to provide access for pedestrians to continue down North B Street and anticipated retail uses for the property across from the school.
Question	6.	1. Should thought be given to considering one large roundabout? 2. Please provide average numbers of vehicles traveling on each road per day: - NW Washington Blvd - W Elkton Road - North B Street - Hamilton Eaton Road	We explored constructing one large roundabout rather than two. However, while a single roundabout might have been simpler from a roadway standpoint, the hills in the area would make construction much more difficult and cost prohibitive. Construction would also have required significant earth-moving, which would have created more disturbance to the area and to the park below. The opening (2030) / design year (2050) traffic volumes forecast at the roundabouts are as follows: - NW Washington Blvd. – 14,100 / 15,600 vehicles per day - W Elkton Road – 4,600 / 5,100 vehicles per day - North B Street (South) – 14,900 / 16,500 vehicles per day - North B Street (West) – 7,100 / 7,900 vehicles per day

SUGGESTIONS RECEIVED

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Suggestion	1.	Very excited about "shared use path"...I would like City to consider NOW + IN THE FUTURE of possible use of golf carts (road ready) as a feasible mode of transportation on city streets!! Pedestrian crossings - would it be possible to have pedestrian bridges over the streets!! MUCH SAFER For all our students!!	Thank you for your suggestions. Pedestrian bridges are very nice to have but are also very expensive and require the acquisition of more right-of-way. Pedestrian bridges require extensive ramps so that they are accessible to all users. Research has shown that when the distance to walk up to the bridge is twice as far as crossing the road, users choose the shorter path.

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		May need to reduce speed limit from Cleveland Ave to roundabouts. Problem gaining access to Northwest Blv for Berkeley, and other side streets in this area. Suggest new bridge be closer to roundabout rather than to Spooky Nook!! Overall project design is excellent. I am very excited. Thank you!! PS: Continue shared use path to <u>Berkeley</u> + <u>Cleveland Avenue</u>. Suggestion for another project: What about shared use path up EATON ROAD HILL!! It terrifies me when I see pedestrians/bikers "climbing" that hill.	The roundabout geometry limits speeds to about 15-20 mph through the circle. By and large, roundabouts slow down vehicles traveling through the area in which they are located but allow them to flow through the intersection much more easily. Thank you for your suggestions regarding the other areas as well. We will keep them in mind as we continue to plan travel improvements throughout the city.
Suggestion	2.	Sidewalk across from the freshman school appears to stop at the end of the Retirement Homes. Be nice to have sidewalk extend to Berkeley and maybe Cleveland Ave.	Extending the sidewalk to Berkeley and/or Cleveland Ave. is outside of the limits of this current project. However, we will keep your suggestion in mind as we continue to plan travel improvements throughout the city.
Suggestion	3.	1. I think the City needs to do training videos so people can learn how to travel thru the roundabout - Right of way etc. I understand the county has these kinds of materials that can be shared on your social media page. 2. I'm still not sure the changes to the one lane will help those of us who live in Hamilton West Estates get out of our subdivision. People do not come to a full stop @ Cleveland and the speed towards W. Elkton. Cars coming from W. Elkton towards Cleveland driveway to fast - quite a few don't even obey the school zone speed. 3. All for the roundabout - I know it helps with traffic overall.	Thank you for your suggestion. We do have access to multiple videos about how to use roundabouts and can certainly make links available on our website and social media platforms once construction nears completion. As you noted, roundabouts are great with managing overall traffic flow. They also do a very good job of slowing down vehicles as they travel through the area in which they are located without causing traffic backups and travel delays. We hope that these benefits will also help to improve access to and from nearby streets.
Suggestion	4.	Suggestion: Don't spend the money to install roundabouts. WHY: The amount (2.5 mil) per roundabout is too costly, so cost/benefit ration compared to a stoplight is way out of proportion. So project could be simpler & less expensive.	Thank you for your suggestion. However, a primary issue we're working to address with this project is to improve traffic flow and travel safety through the area. Traffic signals require more starts and stops and

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		[This comment was accompanied by the sketch below showing a suggested change in planning and design.]	could result in increased backed-up traffic and travel delays, which in turn result in increased accidents. Roundabouts, however, reduce travel speeds and allow traffic to flow almost continuously, turn more easily in desired directions and travel through the area more safely. While the expense of installing roundabouts may be more in the near term, we believe that the overall benefits will outweigh the cost in the long run.
Suggestion	5.	I mentioned this to Allen Messer and he seemed to think it might be possible but I am wondering if the evergreen tree that is closest to West Elkton and NW Washington intersection could be removed prior to the roundabout project (immediately would be great!) It really blocks the view when turning right onto West Elkton from NW Washington so removing it now might eliminate some accidents. I would also appreciate a sidewalk on NW Washington on my side of the street all the way to Cleveland. I live in Washington Estates and go to Berkeley Square for Silver Sneakers classes 3 days a week. If there were a sidewalk on my side of NW Washington I could walk to class. I am happy about the turn lane because it might help me turn left out of my neighborhood.	Thank you for mentioning this again. We will look into removing the tree as part of this project soon or making other changes to improve sightlines in the area. Although we will be constructing a shared-use path on the south side of NW Washington, it will end across from the Freshman School. Extending it to Berkeley and/or Cleveland Ave. is outside of the limits of this current effort. However, we will keep your suggestion in mind as we continue to plan travel improvements throughout the city.

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All Comments Received
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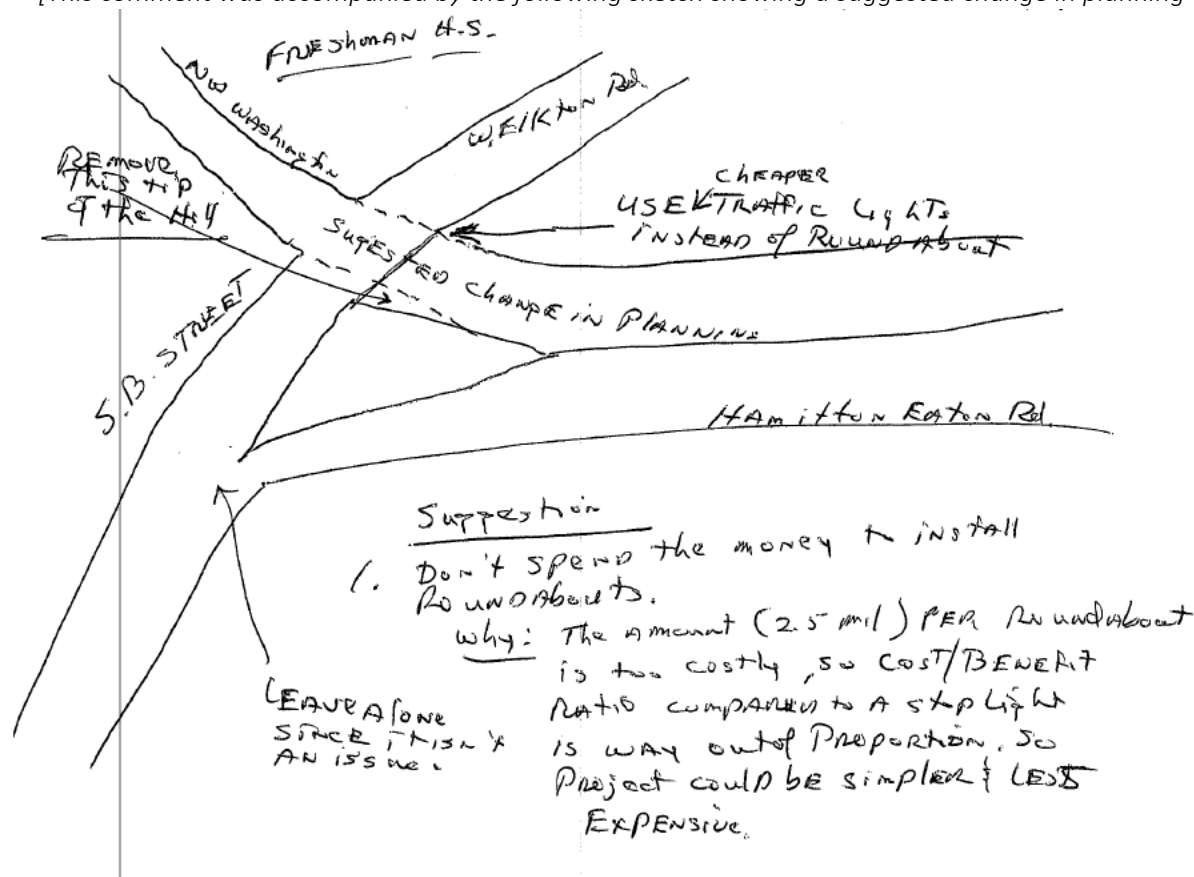
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Suggestion

5. 1. Please, prepare the project so that the intersections are shut down for the least amount of time. Do not start the shutdown until everything is ready. Thank you
2. Crosswalks, although needed, being that close to the circle, will be the cause of fender benders, and possibly injuries.
3. The NHX, related, would in the long run, best serve the people, taking the longer, most costly route North,

Safety Concerns, Maintenance of Traffic, NHX

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through Campbell Island, and the county property. The choices remaining will be cursed for generations.	
6. I wish it could be one single roundabout AND I wish there was a way to make a train bridge on Hamilton Eaton where it crosses 127 and there are frequent train delays	One Roundabout
7. See attached. Call with Questions. <i>[Below is the attached:]</i> - Will percolation test be performed to ✓ drainage - so as not to cause homeowners or others issues in the future - that area is the "Great Miami River Basin" - Will accommodations be made for traffic to access Zoar Street and Nelson Street and Woodrow St. once the roundabouts are built or someone else's problem? \$ - Change grade of hill? - Cost compare study, Traffic Signal vs Roundabout Now and Later; Lots of dollars spent both now and down line for upkeep of roundabouts vs traffic signals - especially - possible recession looming # of vehicles impacted by this construction and how long is the delay going to be A) Can the work be done during "off hours" to minimize impact? YES to a need for sidewalks kids walking to school/bikes - Will the approaches to the roundabouts and the roundabouts be equipped with ice prevention technology to help during the extremes of our winters	Access Issues, More Sidewalk, Maintenance of Traffic, Question
8. [re: features that interest you: Nothing. It's just close enough to mess me up getting in & out of driveway, getting mail] I live right across street between Zoar & Nelson & have water runoff problems already from all the houses up the hill plus neighbors sewers runoff goes straight into my basement. Will any sewer pipe be laid or an option to switch to Hamilton Sewer rather than septic tank? I can barely get out of driveway now with speeders. I have no air conditioning, so I open my windows. Construction will ruin my house & my lungs that close so long.	Access Issues, Question, Misc
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10. I just wanted to, as a local who uses the area daily, vocalize my support for the project. Roundabouts are safer + more efficient and I'm excited to see more built. I'm impressed by how well researched the project clearly is,	Thank You/Nice Work, Roundabout Support

COMMENTS

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and hope construction begins quickly. I know people tend to not like change + I imagine the project team has received their share of concerns. For my part, I want to thank them for their hard work on this project, this Hamiltonian loves this project.	
11. Was realignment of NW Washington Blvd and Hamilton-Eaton Rd considered at all before the two roundabouts were decided on. It seems that one roundabout with four intersecting roads might be much simpler to manage/maintain. Of course, environmental factors may have played an integral part in the final decision. I will probably only utilize the roundabouts if I go to New Miami and beyond.	Question
12. Hard to get out of Lagonda now.	Access Issues
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15. [Re: feature that interests you most: HILLSIDE SLIPPAGE]	Misc
16. Was involved with NHX since the beginning. Have not had any communication in a while.	NHX
17. Nice summary presentation.	Thank You/Nice Work

COMMENTS

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18. 1. Should thought be given to considering one large roundabout?

Maintenance of Traffic, Question, One Roundabout

2. Please provide average numbers of vehicles traveling on each road per day. - NW Washington Blvd - W Elkton Road - North B Street - Hamilton Eaton Road

3. We were disappointed in the open house: - Team was not prepared - No formal presentation - Mentioned that the intersections would be closed summer of '27, but no useful comments re detour

4. Leaving no access to North B Street during the summer of '27 leaves only one way out in case of a DISASTER - NW Washington Blvd. This is UNACCEPTABLE.

5. We support the concept of improving the flow of traffic through the intersections, but more thought needs to be given to the plan.

Appendix C: Comments Received

Phone Contact Record

From: Pat Yingling <pat.yingling@hamilton-oh.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 1:54 PM
To: Stahlman, Christine <Christine.Stahlman@stantec.com>
Cc: Allen Messer <allen.messer@hamilton-oh.gov>
Subject: NW Washington Roundabout Citizen Call

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[REDACTED]

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Mrs. [REDACTED] contacted me via phone to discuss her and her husband's feeling about the project.

- They do not agree that the roundabouts are the best option on a cost standpoint and functionality. They believe a traffic signal would be a better option
- They are concern with crosswalk safety.
- They think the two roundabouts are too close together.

Thank You

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Completed Comment Forms



NW WASHINGTON ROUNDABOUTS COMMENT FORM

BUT NW Washington/W. Elkton/N.B | PID 120771

Thank you for attending this evening's Open House. Please use this form to share any additional comments about the project or questions you may have. You can leave your completed form at the Welcome Table or with any project team representative.

Name: _____
Address: _____
Email: _____ Phone: _____

☒ I would like to receive North Hamilton Crossing email updates (be sure to include your email address)

How often do you travel in the project area?

☒ Daily ☐ Several times a week ☐ Every few weeks ☐ Every few months

How familiar are you with using roundabouts?

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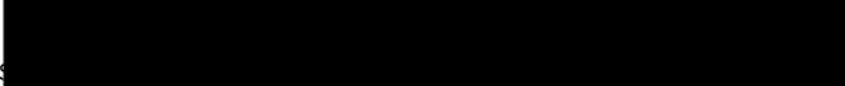
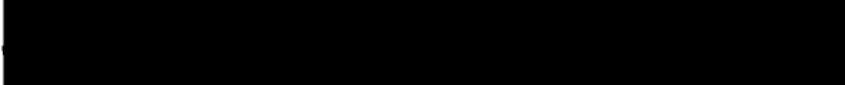
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Pedestrian crossings - would it be possible to have pedestrian bridges over the streets!! MUCH SAFER for all our students!!

May need to reduce speed limit from Cleveland Ave to roundabouts. Problem gaining access to North High Blv from Berkeley, and other side streets in this area.

Suggest new bridge be closer to roundabout rather than to Spooky Wook!!

Overall Project Design is Excellent. I am very excited. Thank you!!

PS: CONTINUE SHARED USED PATH to Berkeley + Cleveland Avenue

Suggestion for another project
WHAT ABOUT shared used path UP EATON ROAD HILL!!
It terrifies me when I see pedestrians/bikers "climbing" that hill.

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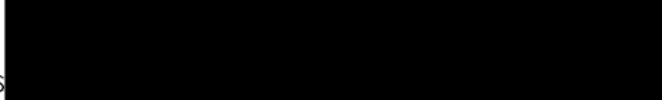


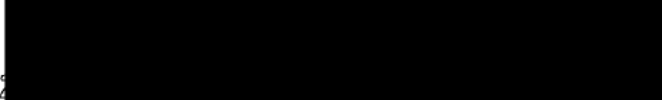
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2. I'm still not sure the changes to the one lane will help those of us who live in Hamilton West Estates get out of our subdivision. People do not come to a full stop @ Cleveland and the speed towards W. Eikton. Cars coming from W. Eikton towards Cleveland drive way to fast - quite a few don't even obey the school zone speed.
3. All for the roundabout - I know it helps with traffic overall.

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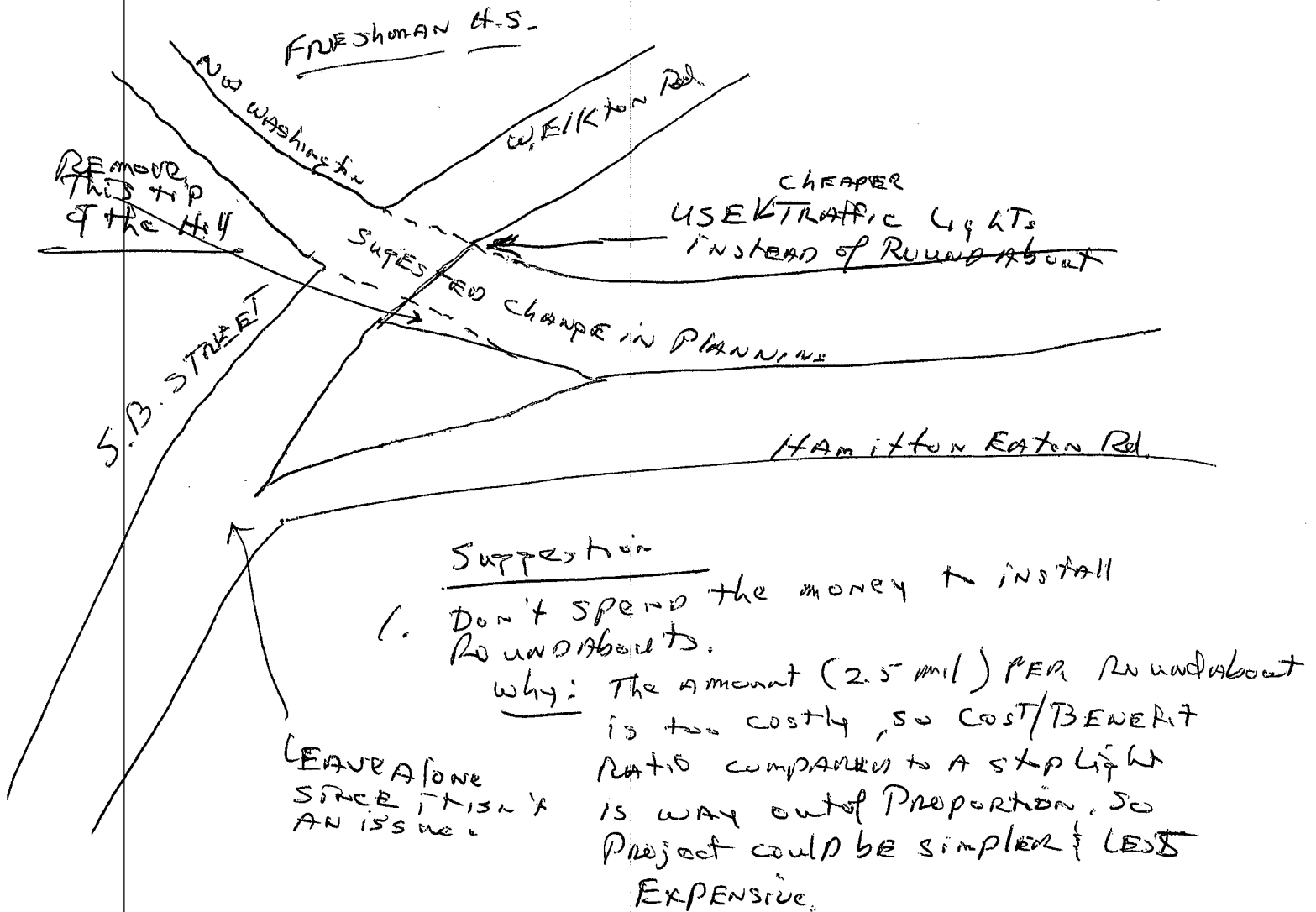
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- ① please, prepare the project so that the intersections are shut down for the least amount of time.
Do not start the shutdown until everything is ready. Thank you
- ② Crosswalks, although needed, being that close to the circle, will be the cause of fender benders, and possibly injuries.
- ③ The NHX, related, would in the long run, best serve the people, taking the longer, more costly route North through Campbell Island, and the County property. The choices remain will be cursed for generations

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AND I wish there was a way to
make a train bridge on ~~Hamilton~~
Hamilton Eaton where it crosses 127
and there are frequent train delays

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I live right across street between
Zoo + Nelson + have water runoff problems
already from all the houses up the hill
plus neighbors sewers runoff goes straight
into my basement.

Will any sewer pipe be laid or option
to switch to Hamilton Sewer rather than
septic tank?

I can barely get out of driveway now with
speeders.

I have no air conditioning, so I open my
windows. Construction will ruin my house +
my lungs that close so long.

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The intersection of Hamilton Eaton Rd. and N. B. St. is impossible to turn left at all times of the day. Why can't a simple stop light solve the issue. We travel this route nearly every day and some times multiple times a day. We have to leave at least 10 minutes early if we have an appointment to make it on time.

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I just wanted to, as a local who uses the area daily, vocalize my support for the project. Roundabouts are safer + more efficient and I'm excited to see more built.

I'm impressed by how well researched the project clearly is, and hope construction begins quickly.

I know people tend to not like change + I imagine the project team has received ~~their~~ their share of concerns. For my part, I want to thank them for their hard work on the project, this Hamiltonian loves this project.



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Was realignment of NW Washington Blvd and Hamilton-Eaton Rd considered at all before the two roundabouts were decided on. It seems that one roundabout with four intersecting roads might be much simpler to manage/maintain. Of course, environmental factors may have played an integral part in the final decision, I will probably only utilize the roundabouts if I go to New Miami and beyond.

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I agree with the right turn lane into the school.

Why not put in traffic lights instead of roundabouts and upgrade/repave West Elkton Rd.

The cross walks that are proposed - the kids don't walk that way. They walk down the side walk on the same side of the school walking toward Cleveland Ave.

The communities across the street from the Freshman school are retirement communities. No children walk across the street to these communities.

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- Change Grade of hill?
- Cost Compare Study Traffic Signal vs Roundabout Now + Later
Lots of Dollars Spent
Both Now AND Down Line for
up Keep of Roundabouts vs Traffic Signals
- Especially - Possible Resession Looming
- # of Vehicles impacted By This
Construction AND How Long is The
Delay Going To Be
A) Can The WORK Be Done During
"off hours" TO minimize impact?
- Yes TO A Need For Side Walks
Kids WALKING TO School #Bikes
- Will the Approaches To the Roundabouts
AND the Roundabouts Be Equipped with
ICE Prevention Technology TO
help During The Extreems of our Winters

• Will Percolation Test
Be Performed to ✓

Drainage - So As NOT
TO Cause home owners or
Other ISSUES in The
Future - That Area is
The "Great MIAMI River BASIN"

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