Anderson Township has made tremendous strides over the past 25 years to improve vehicular and pedestrian safety for township residents. At the same time, the Township's award-winning Anderson Trails Plan has guided the introduction of over 23 miles of trails and sidewalks that have been built, primarily along heavily travelled, higher speed Hamilton County roadways such as Clough Pike. The Township's Clough Pike Corridor Study, adopted in January 2021, identified the need for improvements at the intersection of Clough Pike and Newtown Road, and recommended the continued expansion of sidewalks along the corridor.

Based upon this, Anderson Township and the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) have proposed a project to improve existing conditions at the intersection of Clough Pike and Newtown Road. The project will add left turn lanes at the intersection, and will install sidewalks along the south side of Clough Pike from Copperleaf Lane to Newtown Road. The project will improve safety by reducing delay and rear end accidents at the intersection, as well as providing pedestrian facilities within the study area.

Construction is currently scheduled to begin in Spring of 2026. The project will require minimal right-of-way acquisition, which is expected to begin in Spring of 2024.

During construction, a minimum of one lane of traffic on Clough Pike will be maintained with flagging operations. A minimum of one lane of northbound traffic will be maintained at all times on Newtown Road. Southbound traffic on Newtown Road will be detoured temporarily using Bartels Road. Access to local routes and driveways will be maintained throughout construction.

According to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), sections of the project are located in a FEMA Special Flood Hazard Area. Coordination with the local floodplain administrator, and any necessary floodplain permitting, will occur as needed prior to project construction.

To ensure the proposed project is viable and successful, Anderson Township is seeking comments from the public about the social, environmental, and economic impacts of this proposed project. Detailed environmental impacts are unknown at this time but could include floodplain impacts, ecological impacts, and could require waterway permits. Issues you may wish to comment on include, but are not limited to, the effect of the project on local residents, floodplains, cultural resources (archaeological and history/architectural), ecological resources (streams, wetlands, etc.), hazardous materials (dump sites, underground and above ground storage tanks, etc.), air quality, and the local economy.

To ensure your comments will be considered during project development, please contact Steve Sievers, Assistant Township Administrator for Operations, by February 7, 2024.

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