

Williams Road Improvements From Whitesville Road to Veterans Parkway

Proposed improvements to Williams Road. In this handout you will find a description of the project with a location map, project statistics, and a comment card.

Display 1 shows proposed improvements for the corridor, and the display 2 shows the Williams Road at Fortson Road intersection in more detail. Columbus Consolidated Government (CCG) representatives are available to discuss the project and answer your questions. Please take the opportunity to discuss this project with a CCG representative. We encourage you to first learn about the project and then provide your opinions. The attached comment card is an excellent way to have your comments recorded.

The project is described on the following pages.



DISPLAY 1



DISPLAY 2

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Williams Road is experiencing increasing traffic volumes due to several new developments in the area and general increases in personal travel. Increasing traffic volumes are leading to traffic congestion. To solve these problems, CCG is proposing to make several improvements to this corridor.

The preferred alternate incorporates a two-lane divided roadway with turn-lanes at several intersections. There will be one travel lane in each direction with a 20-foot landscaped median in the center. This widening would begin at I-185 Northbound Ramps and end at Veterans Parkway. Single-lane roundabouts would be installed at Fortson Road and Builders Way. A two-lane roundabout would be installed at the I-185 Northbound Ramps intersection. New traffic signals would be installed at the I-185 Southbound Ramps intersection and the Stevens Lane/Relocated Lloyd Road intersection. Additionally, right-turn lanes will be installed at the I-185 Southbound On-Ramp.

Other enhancements to the corridor include a 5' sidewalk on the south side of Williams Road and a 10' multi-use path along the north side. The 5' sidewalk will include a three-foot landscaped buffer between the proposed curb-and-gutter and sidewalk. The 10' multi-use path will include a landscaped buffer large enough to accommodate small trees and large shrubs. Landscaping is also proposed within the median.

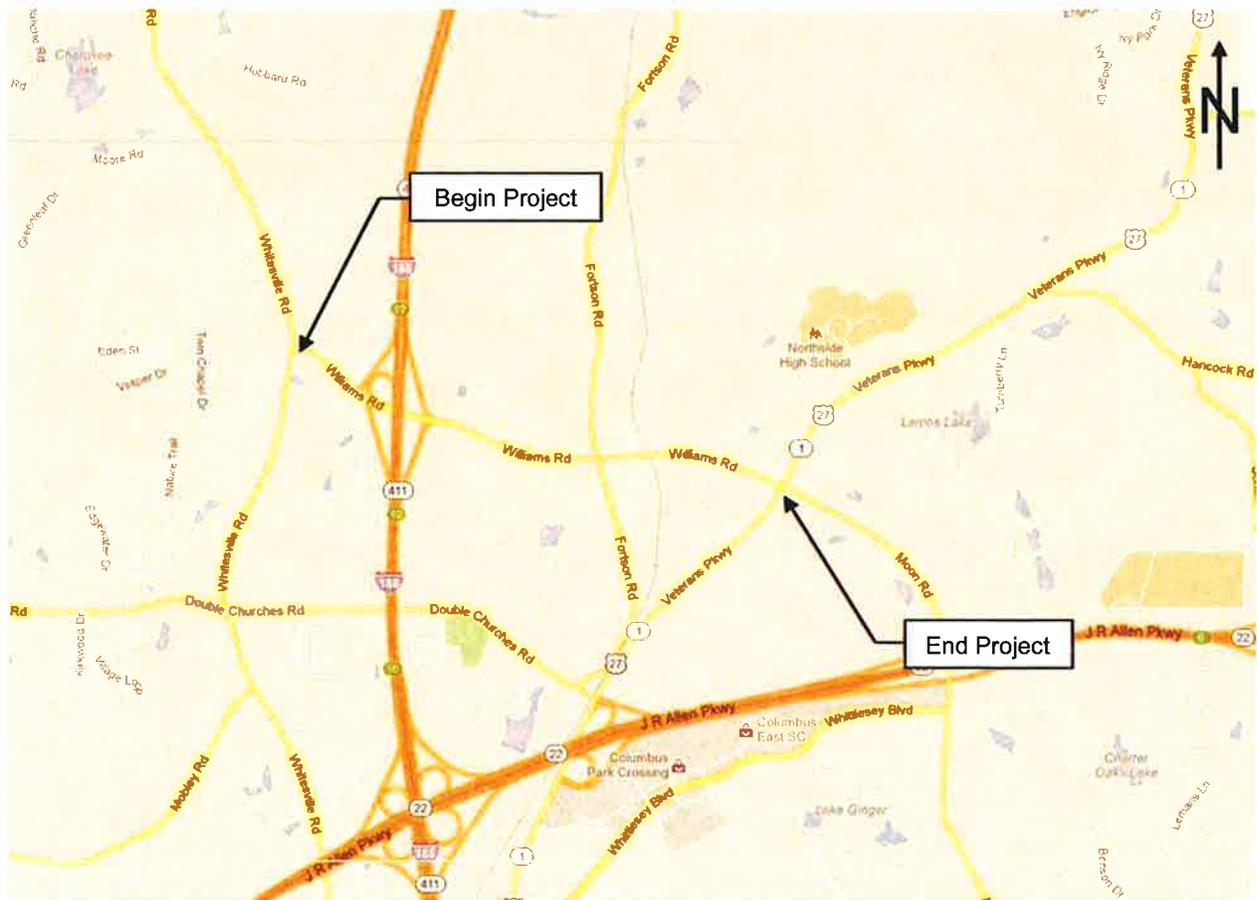


Exhibit 1 – Project Location Map

SUMMARY OF TWO-LANE W/MEDIAN ALTERNATE

1. ADDS RIGHT-TURN LANES AT I-185 SOUTHBOUND RAMPS.
 2. WIDENS EXISTING WILLIAMS ROAD FROM I-185 NORTHBOUND RAMPS TO STEVENS LANE FROM TWO LANES TO FOUR LANES
 3. ADDS A 20-FOOT LANDSCAPED MEDIAN AND PROVIDES INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS.
 4. ADDS A HYBRID (TWO-LANE/SINGLE LANE) ROUNDABOUT WITH BYPASS RIGHT-TURN LANES AT I-185 NORTHBOUND RAMPS. (TO BE COMPLETED BY OTHERS)
 5. RELOCATES LLOYD ROAD TO TIE ACROSS FROM STEVENS LANE.
 6. ADDS SINGLE LANE ROUNDABOUTS AT FORTSON ROAD AND BUILDERS WAY.
 7. ADDS NEW TRAFFIC SIGNALS AT I-185 SOUTHBOUND OFF-RAMP AND STEVENS LANE/RELOCATED LLOYD ROAD.
 8. ADDS A 5' SIDEWALK WITH LANDSCAPED BUFFER ON SOUTH SIDE OF WILLIAMS ROAD.
 9. ADDS A 10' MULTI-USE PATH WITH LANDSCAPED BUFFER ON NORTH SIDE OF WILLIAMS ROAD.
 10. BENEFITS INCLUDE:
 - PROVIDES A LONG-TERM SOLUTION TO TRAVEL ALONG WILLIAMS ROAD.
 - REDUCES DELAY FOR MINOR SIDE STREET APPROACHES.
 - WHERE LEFT-TURN LANES ARE PROVIDED, LEFT-TURN VEHICLES CAN SEPARATE FROM THROUGH MOVEMENT VEHICLES, INCREASING CAPACITY AND SAFETY.
 - IMPROVES PEDESTRIAN/BICYCLIST SAFETY BY SETBACK OF PATHWAYS.
 - IMPROVES SAFETY BY CORRECTING EXISTING SIGHT DISTANCE DEFICIENCIES.
 - PROVIDES ACCESS CONTROL AND REDUCES POTENTIAL VEHICLE CONFLICT POINTS.
 - REDUCES TOTAL ANNUAL CRASHES BY ABOUT 39%.
 - MANAGEABLE CONSTRUCTION STAGING.
 - REDUCED GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS.
 11. DRAWBACKS INCLUDE:
 - INCREASED RIGHT-OF-WAY REQUIREMENTS.
 - RAISED MEDIAN WILL LIMIT SOME SIDE STREETS AND DRIVEWAYS TO RIGHT-IN / RIGHT-OUT.
 - SINGLE LANE ROUNDABOUTS MAY REQUIRE ADDITIONAL LANES IF FUTURE DEMAND REQUIRES IT.
 12. FUDNING COULD BE ANY COMBINATION OF LOCAL, STATE, AND FEDERAL FUNDS. ESTIMATED CONSTRUCTION COSTS WOULD BE:
 - SECTION 1 - \$3.9 MILLION
 - SECTION 2 - \$2.7 MILLION
 - SECTION 3 - \$3.0 MILLION
 - TOTAL – \$9.6 MILLION
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PROJECT STATISTICS

Project Length:	1.9 miles
<u>Traffic Projections (Average Annual Daily Traffic – AADT)</u>	
2022 (Base Year):	16,400
2042 (Design Year):	19,550
<u>Typical Sections</u>	
Existing:	From Whitesville Road to I-185 – two 12-foot lanes in each direction with curb-and-gutter, median varies from raised concrete to depressed grass.
	From I-185 to Veterans Parkway –one 10-foot lane in each direction, with grass shoulders and ditches on both sides.
Proposed:	<u>Two-Lane w/Median Alternate</u> One 11-foot lane in each direction with a 20-foot landscaped median and curb-and-gutter. A 5'-0" sidewalk on the south side and an 10'-0" multi-use trail on the north side, both separated from roadway with landscaped buffers.
Posted Speed:	45 MPH
Design Speed:	45 MPH
Major Structures:	N/A
Construction Costs	<u>Two-Lane w/Median Alternate</u> \$9.6 million (estimated)
Number of Impacted Parcels:	11 (estimated)
Displacements:	0
Estimated Construction Time:	12-15 months/Section (estimated)
Traffic Control During Construction:	Traffic control will be utilized to maintain traffic during construction. Some temporary lane closures may be required during stage construction where grade changes are significant.

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Thank you for attending this Public Information Open House and providing your comments. Your input is an important part of this concept development process.

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Public Information Open House Comment Card
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Please print responses.

Name _____

Address _____

Do you support the project? *Yes* *No* *Conditional* *Uncommitted*

Do you understand the project after attending this meeting? *Yes* *No*

Comments (feel free to use the back of this sheet for additional space) _____

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