

Main Street/Market Street Safety Improvements SELECTED ALTERNATIVE

The City of Lima, in cooperation with the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) and the Lima-Allen County Regional Planning Commission (LACRPC), is planning safety improvements along Main Street and Market Street in Lima's Central Business District. The purpose of the project is to improve mobility, reduce crashes, and improve pedestrian safety in the project area.

Project Area



On March 18, 2021, the City of Lima held a virtual public meeting and question and answer session to discuss the project, present the various intersection, parking, and pedestrian improvement alternatives under consideration, and invite public participation and comments. The formal comment period closed on April 18, 2021.

The City of Lima has reviewed all comments received and has prepared a comment and response summary. This summary includes comments and responses made during the March 18, 2021 virtual public meeting, email comments received, and written comments included with online survey form submittals. The comment and response summary, online survey results, and public meeting presentation documents can be viewed on the City of Lima Public Works, Division of Engineering website under "Upcoming Engineering Projects" at: <https://www.cityhall.lima.oh.us/198/Engineering>.

Considering the public comments received and other factors, the City of Lima has identified the Selected Alternative to be carried forward for final design and construction. The Selected Alternative is summarized as follows:

- Replace the existing stop-controlled Main Street/Market Street intersection with a modern single-lane roundabout (Roundabout Alternative 2 - larger radius design);
- Retain existing pull-in diagonal parking along Main Street from Market Street to North Street and convert existing parallel parking to pull-in diagonal parking along the west side of Main Street from North Street to Wayne Street (Parking Alternative B);
- Widen existing parking stalls along Main Street from Market Street to North Street and provide mid-block ADA access to on-street parking;

- Modify pavement striping and median islands on Market Street to accommodate the single-lane roundabout (with added on-street parking where feasible);
- Provide high-visibility mid-block crosswalk improvements on Main Street between Spring Street and Market Street and between Market Street and High Street;
- Construct a new high-visibility mid-block crosswalk on Main Street between North Street and Wayne Street (at the courthouse);
- Provide high-visibility crosswalk improvements at the Main Street/High Street, Main Street/North Street, and Main Street/Wayne Street intersections;
- Replace the traffic signal at the Main Street/High Street intersection (pending budget availability).

Construction is expected to begin in Spring 2022 and take up to eight months to complete. During construction of the roundabout, Main Street will be closed to through traffic at Market Street, and detours will be required. Additional detour information and advanced notifications will be provided by the City of Lima during the construction phase. Local traffic and access to parking and businesses will be maintained along Main Street during construction. All other streets in the project area will remain open to traffic.

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