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Dear Resident/Property-Business Owner/Interested Citizen:

Subject: Public Involvement Meeting – Open House & Opportunity for Public Discussion
Proposed Interstate Route 76/Tallmadge Road/Mogadore Road Transportation Improvement Project
Portage County Project: POR-CR18-0.51 (PID 98585)
Brimfield Township, City of Tallmadge, Portage County, Ohio

The Portage County Engineer's Office will be holding an Open House Public Involvement Meeting to collect public comments for a proposed project located at the IR 76/Tallmadge Road Interchange and its surrounding area. The purpose of this open-house public involvement meeting is to present information and solicit public comments for proposed transportation improvement alternatives at the Interstate Route 76 (I-76)/Tallmadge Road/Mogadore Road interchange and Tallmadge Road between Highway View Drive and I-76. This transportation improvement project proposes to improve mobility, traffic flow and safety, and preserve the existing transportation facilities and connectivity with IR 76. Proposed transportation improvements include:

- Constructing an additional lane on the eastbound I-76 exit ramp to Tallmadge Road including reconstructing the traffic signal.
- Constructing an additional lane on Tallmadge Road from west of Highway View Drive to I-76.

In addition, the proposed improvement will also include one of the following options:

Option 1

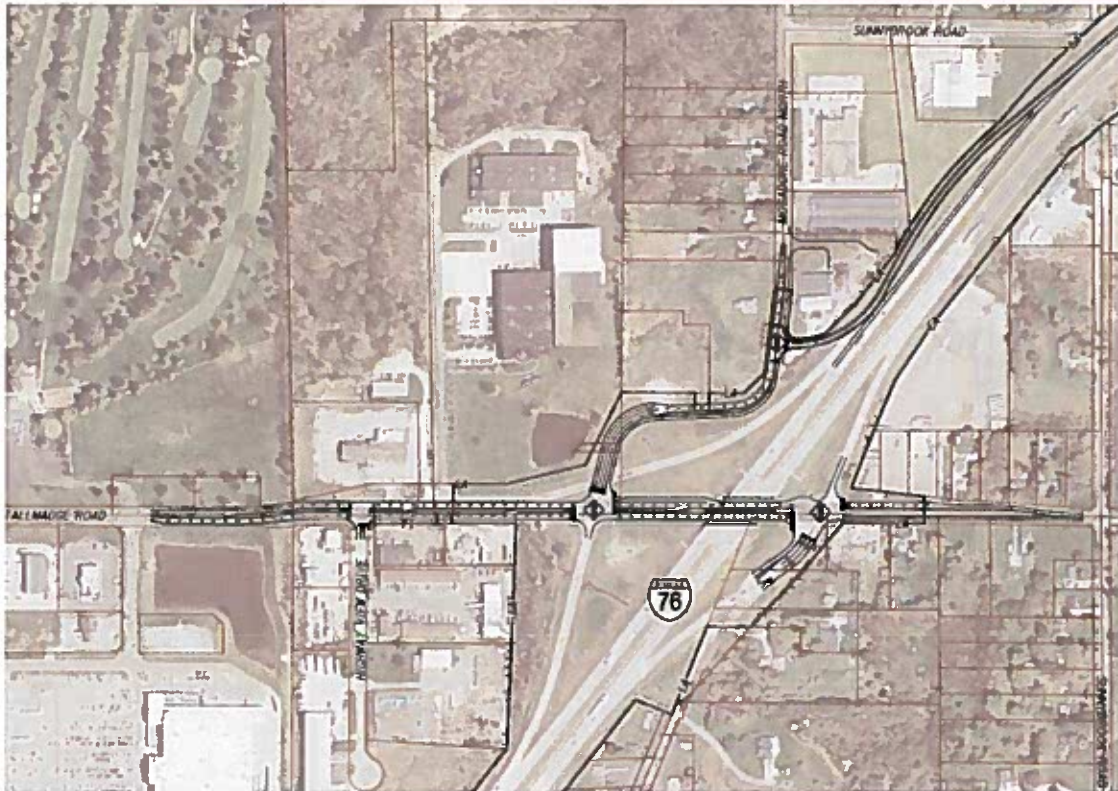
- Realignment of the westbound I-76 exit ramp to connect to Mogadore Road north of Tallmadge Road.
- Widening Mogadore Road north of Tallmadge Road.
- Reconstruction of the Mogadore Road (North)/Tallmadge Road Intersection including reconstructing the traffic signal.

Option 2

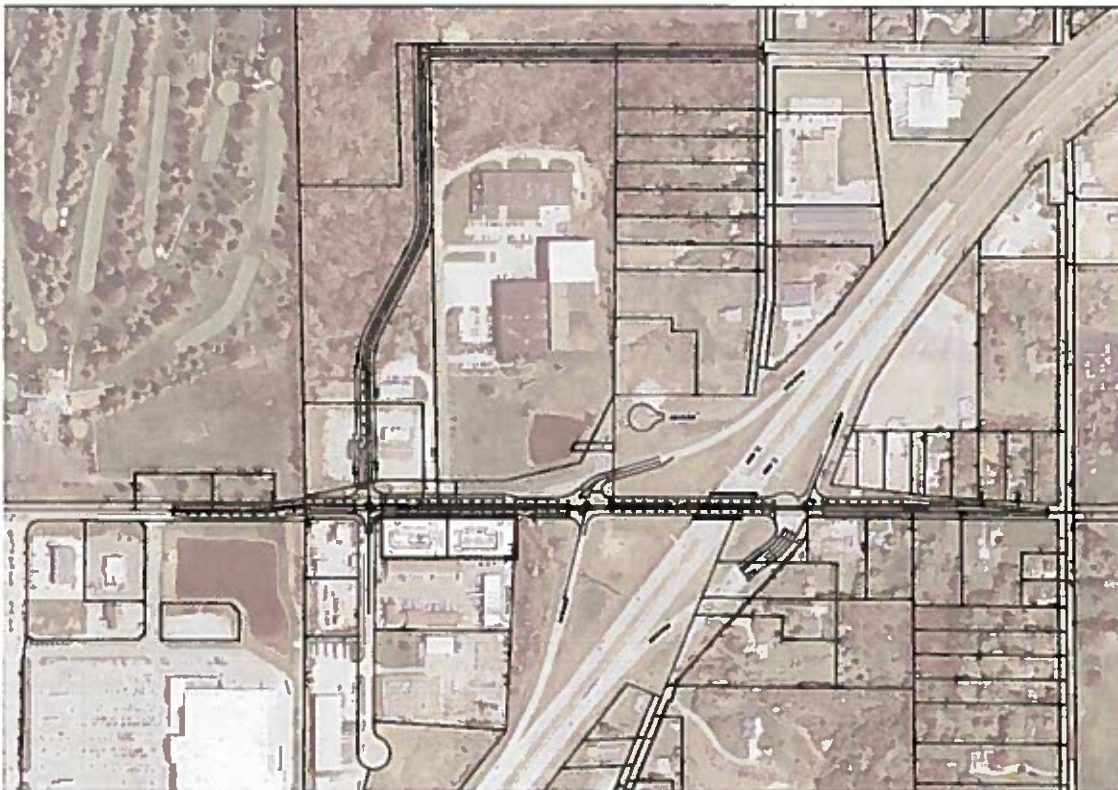
- Removal of the intersection of Mogadore Road and eastbound I-76 exit ramp by rerouting Mogadore Road from its intersection with Sunnybrook Road to the intersection of Tallmadge Road and Highway View Drive including a new traffic signal.
- Addition of a cul-de-sac on Mogadore Road (North) near the westbound I-76 exit ramp.



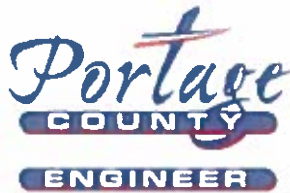
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Option 1 – Design Overview



Option 2 – Design Overview



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The Public Involvement Meeting will take place on **Thursday, September 14, 2017 from 5:00 to 7:00 PM** at **Brimfield Elementary School** located at **4170 St. Rt. 43, Kent, Ohio 44170**. The meeting will be in an open house format with no formal presentation. Attendees may arrive anytime between 5:00 and 7:00 P.M.

You are invited to attend and provide comments. Representatives from Portage County, The Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) and engineering consultant personnel will be available to address any questions you may have during the open-house public meeting. Please feel free to invite any persons who may be interested in this project. **Written comments may also be submitted by October 16, 2017 by email at MCollins@portageco.com or contact:**

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If you are unable to attend the meeting, copies of the meeting materials will be available for review at Portage County Engineer's Office, 5000 Newton Falls Road, Ravenna, OH 44266.

A summary of comments received during the public comment period and responses to comments will be prepared and are expected to be posted on the Portage County Engineer's Office website within 60 days of the above public comment period closure date. To view the summary of public comments received, and responses to comments, go to <https://www.co.portage.oh.us/engineer.htm>

Should you have any questions regarding the project, please contact Mike Collins, at (330) 296-6411 or MCollins@portageco.com

The environmental review, consultation, and other actions required by applicable Federal environmental laws for this project are being, or have been, carried-out by ODOT pursuant to 23 U.S.C. 327 and a Memorandum of Understanding dated December 11, 2015, and executed by FHWA and ODOT.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Michael Marozzi". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

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Portage County Engineer