



TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

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CLERMONT COUNTY ENGINEER ADDRESSES INTERCHANGE IMPROVEMENTS AT I-275 & STATE ROUTE 32 ***Drivers alerted to recent changes in traffic patterns that will improve safety and ease congestion***

Batavia, OH – Clermont County Engineer Pat Manger today addressed the interchange improvements taking place at Interstate 275 and State Route 32. The County Engineer's office is working closely with the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) who is responsible for the improvement work taking place at the interchange.

Yesterday, ODOT made a significant change to traffic patterns on both the northbound and southbound ramps at I-275, putting in place traffic signals on SR 32 to better control ramp traffic. ODOT engineers are on-site, making real-time traffic observations, and will continue to update signal timing and provide additional signage in the area so that traffic flows more smoothly.

ODOT has noted that the current pattern of traffic is not permanent. A new "fly-over" ramp is being constructed that will allow traffic traveling on southbound 275 heading east on SR 32 to bypass the news signals and Eastgate Boulevard via ramps that will merge with SR 32 east of Eastgate Boulevard. Likewise, northbound 275 traffic heading east on SR 32 will also avoid the signals and travel through the new "tunnel" and merge with 32 beyond Eastgate Blvd.

"While we recognize that it will take some time for drivers to get used to the new signals on SR 32, these changes are absolutely critical to improving safety in and around the Eastgate area," said Engineer Manger. "The I-275/SR 32 Interchange Improvement project will improve the safety and mobility of those who travel through the area by reducing the number of locations where drivers are asked to merge and weave – where traffic is both decelerating and accelerating ."

Engineer Manger also explained that the interchange improvements are just one phase of work taking place around Eastgate to support better traffic flow through the area. Lane realignments and signal timing improvements have already been completed on Eastgate North Frontage Road. The reconstruction of Eastgate Boulevard over SR 32 is ongoing and a modified intersection will provide new access on SR 32, wider lanes and better access for businesses in the area. Improvements will also be made along SR 32 between I-275 and Batavia to reduce traffic signals and improve connectivity between the local road network and SR 32.

Each project is happening in an integrated sequence where the construction of one project lays the foundation for the next. Manger reiterated that while the priority for transportation planners remains improving safety for all who travel through the area, transportation improvements will also provide the infrastructure for continued economic development and investment throughout the county.

Additional information about the work at I-275 and SR 32, as well as the other projects taking place throughout the area can be found on GoClermont.org.

About the Clermont County Transportation Improvement District

The Clermont County Transportation Improvement District (CCTID) works across geographic and political lines to improve the quality of life for Clermont County residents by stimulating economic development through regional transportation improvements. The five-member board is made up of representatives from the Clermont County Engineer's Office, the Clermont County Chamber of Commerce, the City of Milford, and Miami and Union Townships.

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