



## HAN-U.S. 68/STATE ROUTE 15 INTERCHANGE IMPROVEMENTS (PID 112280)

### Project Description

The Maumee Watershed Conservancy District (MWCD), in cooperation with the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) District 1, propose improvements to the U.S. 68/State Route 15 interchange just south of the city of Findlay in Hancock County. The purpose of this project is to connect Township Road 80 to U.S. 68 in order to provide direct access from the residential areas to U.S. 68.

This project is needed because Township Road 49 and Township Road 77, which currently provide access to U.S. 68, will be removed as part of the proposed Eagle Creek Dry Storage Basin project, one of the projects included in the Flood-Risk Reduction Program currently underway by Hancock County and the MWCD. Additional information on this project and the Hancock County Flood-Risk Reduction Program is provided at:

[Home](http://home.hancockcountytownship.com) | [Hancock County Flood-Risk Reduction Program \(hancockcountyflood.com\)](http://hancockcountyflood.com)

### Improvement Alternatives

MWCD is currently working in cooperation with ODOT to explore proposed alternatives for the interchange. Two concepts under consideration include:



**Alternative 1:** Includes a dedicated connection from Township Road 80 to U.S. 68 with a single lane roundabout. The relocated east bound exit ramp will also connect to the new roundabout.



**Alternative 2:** Provides a dedicated connection of Township Road 80 to U.S. 68. A new bridge would be constructed over Eagle Creek and a new retaining wall for the new entry ramp to State Route 15.

### Schedule/Next Steps

Using the results of current study efforts and public input to be gathered this winter, MWCD's goal is to identify a preferred alternative by the beginning of 2023. Detailed design and construction phases will follow. Pending funding availability, construction could possibly begin as early as 2025.

### Funding

The project is currently expected to cost around \$4 million including design, right-of-way acquisition, and construction costs. The estimate will be refined as project development continues. Funding will likely come through a variety of resources which are being evaluated.

### Project Comments

Comments about this project are welcomed and encouraged. Please submit comments via phone, email, or mail to:

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Comments on the proposed alternatives should be submitted no later than December 29, 2022 to be documented in the feasibility study. MWCD/Stantec will respond to all comments received. Please reference HAN-U.S. 68/State Route 15 Interchange PID 112280 in emails and letters. For additional information, please visit the website at:

[www.hancockcountyflooding.com/projects/US68interchange](http://www.hancockcountyflooding.com/projects/US68interchange)