

East Granville Street (SR37) Widening Project – Design Phase – Frequently Asked Questions

What are the details of this project?

The purpose of this project is to increase the safety and capacity for pedestrians and motorists traveling on East Granville Street between South Morning Street and Letts Avenue. The existing bridge abutments from the railroad will be moved and a pedestrian bridge connection for the Ohio-to-Erie Trail (OTET) will be built. Utility relocation, road dimension and condition upgrades, sidewalks and drainage improvements are all anticipated for this major project.

When will this project start and how long will it last?

This project is expected to start construction in mid-2027. Construction duration is expected to last at least a year. We do not have utility relocation information yet, and will share more details as they become available. Utility relocations may begin in 2026 (such as underground conduit relocation and/or utility pole replacement/adjustment).

The City of Sunbury (City) has hired American Structurepoint consultants through a quality-based selection process to assist with this project. The design team will start investigation of the project area by surveying. This means you will see paint, flags, and/or stakes marking critical information needed to begin detailed design considerations. The surveyors will need to collect information on properties beyond the City right-of-way. All homes along this section of road were mailed a letter informing them of this work using the addresses on the Delaware County auditor's website.

Why is Sunbury performing this project?

This concept plan is a safety initiative for the City and in partnership with the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT). Application for federal grant funding was pursued in 2023 and the City has been successful in securing up to \$4.2M through the Highway Infrastructure Program to support this project. Additionally, the City was awarded \$1.25M in State Capital Grans for this project.

How will the City keep residents informed about the work progress and impacts ?

The City's Planning and Engineering Department will provide notices via mail or dropped off at the door for direct impacts to the residents affected in this corridor. The City has also created a page on its website to provide information to residents and other stakeholders for the impacts to SR37. The website is: <https://sunburyohio.org/1262/East-Granville-Street-Widening-Project>.

The City will also have a public engagement meeting with the design consultants to go over their proposed road dimensions for the widening of the road and pedestrian accommodations. At this meeting, the City will request feedback on the design options ahead of the consultant creating final design. The public engagement is anticipated in April or May of 2025.

Will driveway access be limited during this project?

Yes, but not until construction occurs. The City will work to minimize impacts, but there will be times when work is occurring within the driveway and access will be limited. There will be a preconstruction meeting ahead of construction where the City will be able to share greater details.

Will my landscaping and/or retaining wall near the road be disturbed?

Yes, if the landscaping/wall is within the road right-of-way or within construction limits it may be impacted. You can remove any landscaping that you want to keep prior to construction and replace it after construction. All properties that have impacts identified to their property will be contacted in the coming months to discuss in greater detail.

Will any work occur outside of the Right of Way?

The survey work being done in February 2025 will provide a better understanding, as the design of the project is just beginning. The City does anticipate work will be needed outside of the Right of Way in order to widen the road and construct the pedestrian bridge and sidewalks. In some areas, temporary easements may be needed to provide a smooth transition between new retaining walls and private property (driveways, parking lots, etc.). As design progresses, the City will be reaching out to affected property owners to discuss impacts following federal grant requirements.



Right-of-way is the City-owned street and adjacent land used for public infrastructure, such as: stormwater pipes, sewers, and other utilities.