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Public Information Open House Invitation

Scio Church Road at Wagner Road Intersection Improvement Project

Dear Property Owner/Resident:

WHAT:

The Washtenaw County Road Commission and its consultants will host an information open house to inform the public about the 2017 Scio Church Road at Wagner Road Intersection Improvement Project.

WHO:

- Road Commission representatives & their Consultants
- · Local Township and County officials
- Interested residents and commuters

WHEN:

Wednesday, March 23, 2016 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

The public is invited to stop by anytime during the two-hour window to learn details about the project.

WHERE:

Washtenaw Intermediate School District Office (WISD) 1819 S. Wagner Road (just north of the Scio Church/Wagner Roads intersection) Ann Arbor, MI 48103

Special accommodations: Contact Katie Parrish at 734-761-1500 x 646

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WHY:

The Washtenaw County Road Commission with its contractor will build a compact urban roundabout at the intersection of Scio Church Road and Wagner Road to reduce peak period congestion that occurs at the intersection. A compact roundabout was chosen over a larger, traditional roundabout or a traffic signal for the following reasons: (1) A compact urban roundabout has a smaller footprint. This is important because it requires less right-of-way, which means there are fewer impacts to property owners and resources are saved that can be used on other county infrastructure needs; (2) Roundabouts are statistically safer than traffic signals. A trade off occurs between high speed, t-bone collisions that occur when a driver 'beats' a red light for low speed, and side swipe collisions; (3) With a traffic signal, delay is always present 24 hours a day when a driver encounters a red light. At a roundabout, less delay occurs, especially at off-peak hours, due to the yield condition. This aspect is also a benefit to the environment since fewer vehicle emissions are placed into the air; (4) A compact urban roundabout will be less intrusive to Scio Township's historic barn and adjacent corner properties.

A CMAQ (Congestion, Mitigation, Air Quality) grant was secured to build the proposed compact urban roundabout to address delays during peak hours of the day. This project will occur in the summer of 2017. At the meeting, residents, business owners and commuters will learn available details about the project, including proposed detour routes, residents' access to their property during construction, and projected timelines.

Questions or comments can be directed to the following:

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We look forward to seeing you on March 23, 2016.

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