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**Upcoming Project Information
CUY-IR 077 08.37 NB Ramps Safety (PID 113403)**

INDEPENDENCE, OHIO: The City of Independence is proposing a project to improve the on- and off-ramps from Interstate 77 northbound to Rockside Road. The project will enhance the operation of eastbound Rockside Road by providing a dual-lane entrance ramp onto I-77 northbound/I-480 from eastbound Rockside Road.

The plan would repurpose the eastbound curb lane-- east of the southbound I-77 ramps--to become an entrance-only lane to I-77 northbound. The middle lane of eastbound Rockside Road will be an option lane with traffic to either enter the loop ramp to enter I-77 northbound or to continue east on Rockside Road. Widening of the ramp bridge will be necessary to accommodate these lanes.

In addition, the northbound exit ramp would be modified to increase the capacity of the exit ramp intersection with Rockside Road. It will require the reconstruction of the traffic signal at this intersection. Construction is scheduled to begin on June 1, 2022.

We welcome your questions and comments. Issues you may wish to comment on include, but are not limited to, the project's effect on residents, air quality, the local economy, floodplains, and historic or cultural resources. All comments must be received by June 3, 2021, to be considered in the project development.

Please be aware that it will not be possible to provide you with specific information regarding potential real estate acquisition at this stage in project development. Suppose right-of-way acquisition is necessary from your property. In that case, a representative working for the City of Independence will contact you directly at a later date to discuss the right-of-way needs, the acquisition process, and your rights under that process.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact Donald J. Ramm, P.E., City Engineer, City of Independence, at RammDo@IndependenceOhio.org or 216.524.1374.

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