



June 9, 2025

Subject: Proposed Shurz Road Bridge Replacement / BUT-TR72-1.30 (P.I.D. 122120)

Dear Property Owner, Tenant, and/or Store Manager:

The Butler County Engineer's Office is proposing a bridge replacement on Shurz Road located between Mill Road and the Butler/Preble County line, in Wayne Township, Butler County, Ohio.

Project Description

The existing aging and deteriorating bridge will be replaced with a structure type which is yet to be determined. The new bridge and its approaches will be wider than the existing one. The guardrail will also be updated. Construction is scheduled for 2029; however, we hope to accelerate the project up to 2026 or 2027.

Purpose and Need for the Proposed Improvement

The purpose of this project is to improve the overall safety of motorists crossing over Elk Creek.

Project Development and Local Impact

Within the next few weeks, you will see crews in the vicinity of the project area performing preliminary work such as surveying, placing stakes in the ground, and marking existing utilities.

Accordingly, we wish to advise you that it may be necessary for these crews to enter your property to obtain the field data and clear vegetation in the public right-of-way. BCEO representatives have been instructed to attempt to contact you personally when they first enter your property and will carry full personal identification. However, they will not necessarily be able to provide specific answers to your questions. They will simply be collecting data necessary for the design and engineering of the project.

Sections 5517.01 and 163.03 of the Ohio Revised Code authorize such entries but also require that reimbursement be made for any actual damage resulting from such work. BCEO and representative consulting crews have received strict instructions concerning the preservation of private property and public lands. If at any time you feel that proper attention has not been given to your property, or should you have questions or concerns, please contact us at the Engineer's Office.

As the design process moves forward, right-of-way needs and impacts to properties adjacent to the project will be identified. Should the acquisition of new right-of-way or specific impacts to properties be required to accommodate the project, the Butler County Engineer's Office will coordinate with individual property owners as these needs are determined.

Construction and Additional Notification

As noted earlier, this improvement is scheduled for 2029; however, it may be expedited to 2026 or 2027. The bridge construction will require the roads to be closed to all through traffic during the construction period; however, access to residences within the project area will be maintained.

All residents and businesses located within and near the actual construction zone will receive a notice confirming any road closures and maintenance of traffic information immediately prior to construction.

Contact Us

Should you have questions, please contact the project manager at the following address, email, or phone number:

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1921 Fairgrove Avenue
Hamilton, Ohio 45011-1965
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Thank you for your interest and cooperation.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Gregory J. Wilkens". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Gregory" being more prominent than the last name "Wilkens".

Gregory J. Wilkens, P.E., P.S.
Butler County Engineer