

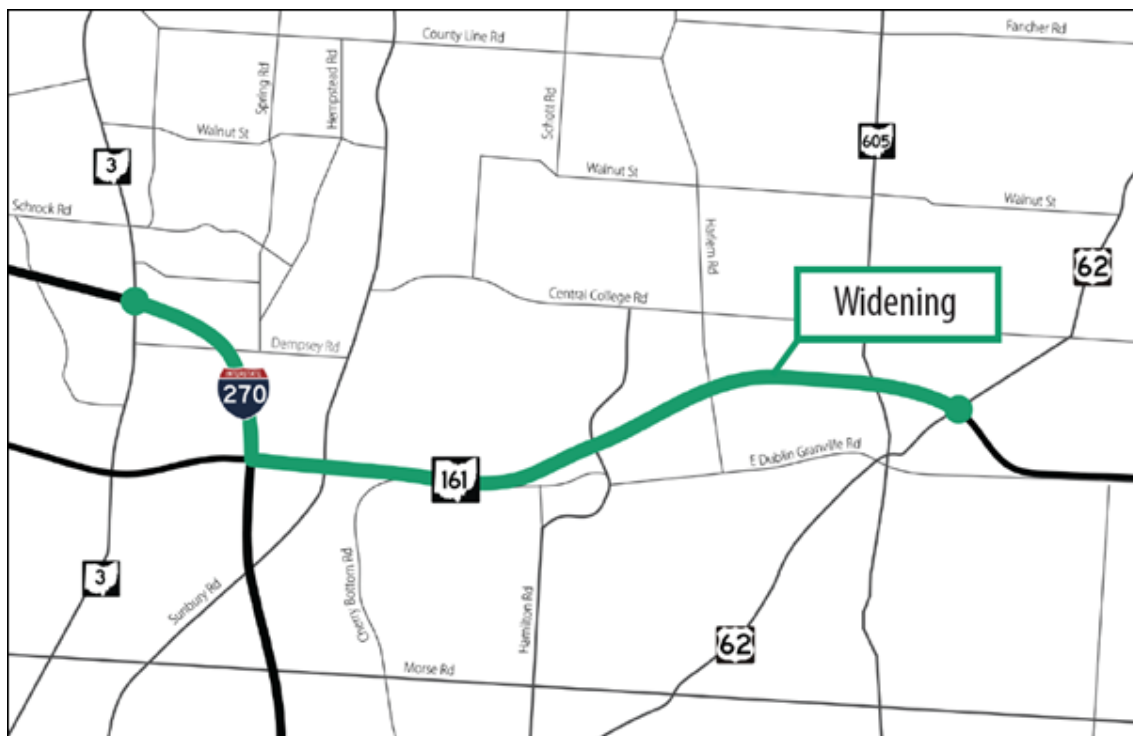
## ODOT to Improve SR 161 in Northeast Franklin County

FRA-SR 161-15.80 (PID 116322)

The Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) is proposing an improvement project along State Route 161 and Interstate 270 in Franklin County to accommodate increased traffic from expected future development in the area. The proposed improvements include:

- Widening SR 161 between I-270 and the U.S. 62 interchange
- Widening the ramp from SR 161 west to I-270 north

Right-of-way acquisition is not anticipated for this project. Construction is scheduled to begin in July of 2023, with the additional lanes opening by November of 2024, and all other construction activities completed in August of 2025.



Ramps at the following interchanges may require detours during construction:

- SR 161 and I-270 access at Sunbury Rd.
- SR 161 and I-270 access at Little Turtle Way
- SR 161 at Hamilton Rd.
- SR 161 at New Albany Rd.
- SR 161 at Johnstown Rd. (U.S. 62)

Ramp closures will be temporary and will not occur simultaneously between interchanges.

Engineering and field studies are ongoing and will be used to prepare an environmental document as required by National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) to be eligible to use federal funds on the project.

The project area includes the Big Walnut Creek recreational waterway east of Sunbury Road and the New Albany Leisure Trail along U.S. 62. Because these resources are designated as public recreational properties, ODOT will minimize impacts as much as possible. Expected impacts include:

- Bridge work over Big Walnut Creek will result in temporary restrictions to boat traffic. Boating access will be maintained as much as possible by moving boat traffic to one side; however, there will be intermittent, short-term closures to complete portions of the bridge work.
- Bridge work at the SR 161 and Johnstown Road (U.S. 62) interchange will result in temporary closures of the New Albany Leisure Trail.

Sections of the project are located within the boundaries of regulated FEMA Flood Hazard Areas (SFHA) of Spring Run, Big Walnut Creek, Rocky Fork Creek, and Sugar Run. Impacts are anticipated to be minor and result in an overall no-rise condition following the proposed project work. A statement of findings detailing the results of the final floodplain analysis will be made available on the project website.



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**For more project information, please visit the project website at:**  
<https://www.transportation.ohio.gov/projects/projects/116322>

Comments regarding the project may be submitted on the project website or by phone or email to the contact information above. Comments are welcome at any time but must be received by June 23, 2022, to be formally documented and considered during the project development phase. Please include the project name and PID number (FRA-SR 161-15.80, PID 116322) as well as contact information.

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