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**Director of Public Service**  
**City of Tallmadge, Department of Public Service**  
**46 North Avenue**  
**Tallmadge, Ohio 44278**

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## SUM-East Avenue (PID 112869)

### Response to Public Involvement Comments

Dear Mr. Roar,

Enclosed, please find GPD Group's responses to the comments that were provided by the public concerning the Public Involvement Meeting.

#### **Email from William D Bucur dated May 27, 2022**

##### **East Avenue Widening and Improvement Project**

I have concerns, will this effect my side of the street 440 East Ave we have already had a sidewalk put in, barely enough space now for leaf pickup and me along with neighbors have landscaping that goes up against sidewalk.

##### **Response:**

The landscaping and landscape lighting at 440 East Ave will be affected by the project. The addition of the two way left turn lane (TWLTL) in relation to the existing sidewalk will create an unsafe walking environment for pedestrians. Therefor the sidewalk will be moved back to 1 ft inside of the existing R/W line to be consistent with the rest of the corridor.

Neighbor's landscaping that is up against the sidewalk could also be affected depending on the location of the sidewalk, location of the landscaping, and the grading required to ensure positive drainage of the property where applicable.

#### **Website submission from William D Bucur**

##### **East Avenue Widening and Improvement Project**

Yard was already torn up once to add sidewalk will it be torn up again? Who's paying for the landscaping?

##### **Response:**

Property owners are compensated for all damages to personal property located outside of the existing R/W. Property owners will not be compensated for personal property within the existing R/W but will be given the opportunity to remove and salvage the items prior to construction.

#### **Comment Form submission**

##### **East Avenue Widening and Improvement Project**

What I like about the Project: As a retired Marine, I have long advocated for a third lane on East Ave. This will allow for traffic to go around the delivery truck.

Q – Will this help the flooding that happens with a hard rain?

Q – What about my drainage pipe running along the street?

Q – Will there be sidewalks on both sides of the street?

What I dislike about the Project: Traffic delays, and access to my driveway

**Response:**

Thank you for your comments and questions. The addition of a two way left turn lane (TWLTL) will provide a safer more efficient roadway.

A – The drainage along the roadway has been designed to accommodate a rain even that has a 4 percent chance of occurring in any year. Any deficient storm sewer encountered will be upgraded to the proper size required.

A – If you currently have a ditch and drive pipe, the ditches will be filled and the drive pipes removed and replaced with a new enclosed drainage system.

A – Yes, there will be sidewalk along both sides of the street.

We understand the frustration of roadway construction in front of your home. All efforts are being made to provide the contractors with the ability to be efficient with their construction methods.

**Email from Jennifer Adair dated June 7, 2022**

**East Avenue Widening and Improvement Project**

Hello. My name is Jennifer Adair at 34 Tallmadge Rd, Kent, OH 44240. My e-mail is jennifer.adair@copley-fairlawn.org.

I am writing in regards to the East Avenue Widening and Improvement Project. I was provided your e-mail to address comments and concerns.

I want to express concerns regarding the drainage that is an issue at the border or Portage and Summit County on East avenue. The draining at this time is insufficient in carrying water away from this area. The water collects and has gotten increasingly worse as the land has been and continues to be developed in the area. This could be a concern for your project and it would be beneficial to address this issue as the plan progresses.

I have attached images to demonstrate the issues and we are happy to discuss this further at any time.

**Response:**

We appreciate your concerns regarding the drainage in this area. The roadway area drainage system has been analyzed and upgrades to the storm sewer will be incorporated into the project. Please note improvements will be limited within the roadway corridor and will not extend off-site in private property. All storm sewer within the roadway right-of-way will be sized to handle the entirety of the contributing drainage area based on current land use and known upcoming development. Storm sewer improvements near your property include a new enclosed storm sewer system running along that will outlet on the north side of the roadway and a new culvert under Tallmadge Road conveying drainage from the south side of the roadway to the north side.

**Email from Jennifer Adair dated June 7, 2022**

**East Avenue Widening and Improvement Project**

Hello. My name is Jennifer Adair. I am a resident along the proposed road widening project scheduled for 2026. I am at 34 Tallmadge Road. I was unable to attend the recent meeting but am interested in seeing the visual plans for the project. I stopped in the office today but they said you may be able to send the plans to me. I looked on the ODOT website, but I was not able to find any images. Can you please help me?

Thank you,

Jennifer Adair

**Response:**

We appreciate your interest in the project. The plans that were displayed at the public meeting can be found here: <https://www.tallmadge-ohio.org/DocumentCenter/View/3436/East-Ave-Phase-1-and-Phase-2-Overview-Plans>

**Comment Form submission from Brian Gregory (1142 East Ave)**

**East Avenue Widening and Improvement Project**

What I like about the Project: Storm water containment/redirection.

Center Turn Lane for safety when turning left.

Paved road will be smooth with no potholes which create excessive noise

Raising of driveway to allow a smoother transition when entering roadway

Concrete aprons will also allow for the transition to be smoother.

What I dislike about the Project: Parcel 6006661 should not have a shared apron or driveway with the Tallmadge Motel. This needs to be separated from the business entry to a private property entrance at 1140 & 1142 East Ave.

Sidewalk: During winter months there will be excessive amounts of plowed snow onto the sidewalk needing to be removed. Will present huge task for residents to remove.

The length of the project and access to the residential homes will be an inconvenience

The stoplight at Washburn and East is creating a backup of traffic past my driveway which needs fixed. Very time consuming getting onto the road.

**Response:**

Thank you for your comments. The upgrades to the storm sewer, driveways, and pavement along with the addition of a two way left turn lane (TWLTL) will provide a safer more efficient roadway.

It is not the intent of the project to change the way a parcel operates by relocating driveways.

We understand your concerns about snow removal. Typically the tree lawns are wide enough to collect the snow plowed from the street

We understand the frustration of roadway construction in front of your home. All efforts are being made to provide the contractors with the ability to be efficient with their construction methods.

The traffic signal recently installed at the Washburn Rd / East intersection is not part of this project. Please contact the city separately to have the signal performance evaluated.

## Email from Tami Blatt dated June 10, 2022

### East Avenue Widening and Improvement Project

Mr. Michael Rorar,

I attended a meeting recently and wanted to voice my concerns on the current improvement project for East Avenue. I live across the street from the new development. My neighbors and I have been experiencing flooding waters after rains. We have brought this up to the county engineer's office, and it was told to us that DeHoff developers don't think it is their problem. In your letter advising owners of the project, it is stated that improving drainage is planned and I wanted to make sure that also included my property. There is currently a drainage pipe going across the road that has been blocked causing the flooding. Is there a plan in place to enlarge that pipe and make accommodations for the increase in run-off from new buildings?

I look forward to hearing from you regarding this matter.

Thank You.  
Tami Blatt  
1298 East Avenue  
Tallmadge, Ohio 44278  
330-633-6807

#### Response:

We appreciate your concerns regarding the drainage in this area. The roadway area drainage system has been analyzed and upgrades to the storm sewer will be incorporated into the project. Please note improvements will be limited within the roadway corridor and will not extend off-site in private property. All storm sewer within the roadway right-of-way will be sized to handle the entirety of the contributing drainage area based on current land use and known upcoming development. Storm sewer improvements near your property include a new enclosed storm sewer system running along that will outlet on the north side of the roadway and a new culvert under Tallmadge Road conveying drainage from the south side of the roadway to the north side.

## Comment Form submission from Carrie Sims (560 East Ave)

### East Avenue Widening and Improvement Project

What I like about the Project: I am hoping the lateral pipes coming off the sewer main in front of my house will be repaired. I have been told by our plumber that those pipes are filled with root balls. I had to pay to have them cleared after sewage was backing up into the basement of our new-build 2 months after moving in. The plumber had his camera down there and said I would continue to have problems until the city repairs their lateral under the street.

What I dislike about the Project: Getting around during the construction phase will be disruptive but I do believe it will be worth it. Thank you

#### Response:

Thank you for your comments. Sanitary sewer laterals are not proposed to be replaced with the project. The property owner is responsible to clear the lateral to the City's main. The City will try and assist during the process as feasible, but the property owner has the responsibility for the service lateral.

We understand the frustration of roadway construction in front of your home. All efforts are being made to provide the contractors with the ability to be efficient with their construction methods.

Please do not hesitate to call or email with any questions or if you need additional information.

Sincerely,

GPD Group



Josh Slaga, P.E.  
Project Manager

