



PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE - MAY 5, 2009

State Route 13 Future Traffic Pattern Changes

**FUTURE IMPROVEMENTS TO SR 13 (Mt. Vernon Road) AND SURROUNDING STREETS
TO ELIMINATE ONE-WAY TRAFFIC IN THE DOWNTOWN AREA IN THE CITY OF NEWARK**

REASONS FOR PROPOSED PROJECT

Over the years, the City of Newark has performed traffic studies and planning documents for the Downtown Newark area that focused on changes to the traffic patterns in the area, including changes to SR 13. Based on the studies, the following conclusions were made for the area:

- 1) Case histories from similar communities have shown that converting streets from one-way to two-way operation indicate a positive influence on business vitality and perception.
- 2) Conversion of one-way to two-way streets on Mt. Vernon Road / 4th Street and Hudson Ave / 3rd Street between St. Clair and Locust Streets is recommended.
- 3) Conversion of one-way to two-way streets on Church Street between 3rd and 4th Streets is recommended.
- 4) These conversions would improve access to businesses in Downtown, improve area-wide traffic circulation, and distribute traffic more evenly on all adjacent streets.
- 5) The conversion of Hudson Avenue would enhance the residential area of the Historic Hudson District by diverting most of the traffic to a new northbound SR 13 route.
- 6) The upcoming SR13 to SR16 Ramp Reconstruction project serves as a first phase of the overall conversion project.



NEXT STEPS

- SUBMIT COMMENTS ON THIS PROJECT TO:
CITY OF NEWARK
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Email: bmorehead@newarkohio.net
Respond by May 31, 2009
- RESPOND TO PUBLIC COMMENTS
- BEGIN PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING: 2010-2011
- ACQUIRE RIGHT-OF-WAY: 2012
- PLANS COMPLETED FOR CONSTRUCTION: 2014-2015

PROPOSED WORK TO CONVERT ONE-WAY STREETS TO TWO-WAY OPERATION

In order to convert the streets to two-way operation, the proposed construction project would include the following:

SR 13 / MT. VERNON ROAD

- 1) The SR13 Bridge over SR16 will be widened to 4 or 5 lanes to accommodate two-way traffic. A new pedestrian bridge may be constructed separately.
- 2) Enhancement elements such as decorative lighting, patterned concrete or brick could be added to the new bridge to create a landmark for motorists to recognize Downtown Newark.
- 3) The SR 16 westbound service road BC between Hudson and Mt. Vernon will have improved corner radius for right turns.
- 4) New traffic signals will be installed to control northbound traffic on Mt. Vernon Road at the intersections of the SR16 westbound service road BC, and at St Clair St.
- 5) Pavement striping will be changed to two-way on Mt. Vernon Road from SR16 to St Clair St.

HUDSON AVENUE / NORTH 3rd STREET

- 6) New traffic signals will be installed to control southbound traffic at the intersection of the SR16 westbound off ramp at Hudson Avenue, and at North 3rd St. at Locust St.
- 7) Pavement striping will be changed to two-way on Hudson Avenue from SR16 to St Clair St and on North 3rd St. from SR16 to Locust St.

WEST CHURCH STREET

- 8) New traffic signals will be installed to control westbound traffic at the intersection of West Church St. at North 4th St.
- 9) Pavement striping will be changed to two-way on West Church St. from North 3rd St. to North 4th St.

**BEST ESTIMATE FOR START OF CONSTRUCTION
SUMMER OF 2015**



**SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITY OF FUNDING FOR
CONSTRUCTION**