



SECOND ROUND OF PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT FOR HILLIARD ROAD BRIDGE PROJECT
IN ROCKY RIVER AND LAKEWOOD

CLEVELAND, Ohio (Tuesday, December 14, 2021) - Cuyahoga County Department of Public Works (CCDPW) invites the public to view information online regarding the selection of a bridge structure type for the replacement of the Hilliard Road bridge over the Rocky River, Valley Parkway, Cleveland Metroparks' Rocky River Reservation, and Valley Parkway Trail.

Cuyahoga County is seeking additional public input regarding the selected bridge type. The meeting will be held in a virtual open house style format from Wednesday December 15, 2021, to Saturday, January 15, 2022. All materials will be available on the website below so they can be viewed, and your comments submitted, at your convenience. We hope that you will visit the virtual public meeting website where we will explain the overall project, what we heard from the first round of public engagement, present the selected bridge type and project updates, and receive your input. The meeting will be conducted online only. Comments will be accepted at any time; however, all comments received by January 15, 2021, will be included in the official project documentation.

All materials regarding the project are available at the following website:
<https://publicinput.com/O8043>

The project is being developed with the assistance of the Ohio Department of Transportation and is tentatively planned for construction beginning in 2024.

The first public meeting "open house" was held from February 1, 2021 to March 1, 2021 and presented a variety of alternatives and bridge structure types for the replacement of the Hilliard Road Bridge. After the comment period closed on March 1, 2021, the project team reviewed all the comments and feedback received and selected a replacement bridge structure-type including additional updates to the surrounding bridge roadways.

The existing bridge is a concrete arch structure that is eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places. The existing bridge is continuing to deteriorate, with debris falling below. The portion of the bridge over Valley Parkway is currently protected by netting and the Valley Parkway Trail has been realigned to pass under the protected area.

Cuyahoga County and ODOT evaluated alternatives to rehabilitate or replace the historic bridge and to restore the Valley Parkway Trail to its original location adjacent to the Rocky River. The project includes the addition of bicycle and pedestrian facilities on the bridge, consistent with the plans of the communities of Lakewood and Rocky River.

In addition to the impacts to the historic bridge, minor environmental impacts including temporary fill in the Rocky River for construction access and minor wetland impacts are anticipated. There also will be temporary vehicular and pedestrian impacts within the park during construction under the bridge.

Individuals without computer access or who require interpretation services or a reasonable accommodation to participate should contact the project team at the number below for assistance. Public participation is solicited without regard to race, color, sex, age, national origin, or disability.

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