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(COLUMBUS, Ohio)— Ohio Governor Mike DeWine and Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) Director Dr. Jack Marchbanks today announced details on \$121 million in new traffic safety projects planned for Ohio, including the installation of approximately two dozen roundabouts in numerous counties across the state.

"A top priority of my administration has been making travel in our state safer - particularly at Ohio intersections that are known to be dangerous," said Governor DeWine. "Studies show that roundabouts significantly reduce the likelihood of serious or deadly intersection crashes, so we're investing in these projects today to save lives in the future."

According to ODOT, there were only six traffic deaths at Ohio roundabouts from 2017-2021 compared to 1,126 deaths at a signalized or stop-controlled intersection.

"Roundabouts save lives. They reduce severe crashes, move traffic more efficiently, and are cheaper to maintain than signalized intersections," said ODOT Director Jack Marchbanks.

In total, the funding will support project development, right of way, and construction of 50 projects in 31 counties across the state. In addition to the roundabout projects, other projects include safer pedestrian crossings, traffic signal upgrades, and turning lane improvements.





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Funding for these projects will be awarded through ODOT's Highway Safety Improvement Program which, under the DeWine-Husted Administration, has grown to become one of the largest traffic safety programs in the country. In May, Governor DeWine announced [\\$51 million in traffic safety improvement projects](#) to address an increase in pedestrian-involved traffic crashes and fatal roadway departures on state and local roads.

These grants are another step in Governor DeWine's comprehensive plan to improve the safety of Ohio's roads. In 2019, he directed ODOT to put focus on improving 150 of the most dangerous intersections in the state. This year, he announced an increase in Ohio's yearly funding allocation for local bridge projects by \$47.5 million for the next five years.

To help address unintentional motor vehicle crashes, which are one of the leading causes of death for teenagers and young adults in Ohio, Governor DeWine also launched the "[Ready, Test, Drive!](#)" virtual driver assessment program to more accurately assess new drivers' road readiness and help identify skills needing improvement. In 2020, Governor DeWine formed the Ohio Traffic Safety Council to coordinate and monitor all statewide safety initiatives; launched a new work zone traffic enforcement plan in coordination with the Ohio State Highway Patrol; and awarded grants to juvenile courts to help them give young drivers more access to advanced driver training.

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On November 4, 2022, Governor Mike DeWine and the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) announced \$121 million in traffic safety grants. The list below, compiled by the ODOT, provides a brief description of the grant projects. Media with questions about individual projects should contact ODOT Press Secretary Matt Bruning at 614-466-6906 or the [district PIO](#) for the project area.

Location	Project Description	Safety Funds
SR 117 Allen County	Construct a roundabout at State Route 501 in Shawnee Township. Ranked location, severe crashes, and proven safety countermeasure.	\$3.5M Construction FY27
SR 81 Allen County	Construct a roundabout at Thayer Road in Bath Township. Severe crashes, proven safety countermeasure.	\$2.5M Construction FY27
County Road 93 Allen County	Road diet, signal upgrades, and construct medians and sidewalks on Cable Road from Latham Avenue to College Park in Lima. Proven safety countermeasures targeting pedestrian safety, area of high poverty.	\$4.5M Construction FY26
US 42 Ashland County	Construct a roundabout at State Route 89 in Perry Township. Ranked location, proven safety counter measure, previous improvements have not solved the problem.	\$3.7M Construction FY26
SR 682 Athens County	Build a single-lane roundabout at West Union and SR 682 in Athens. Proven safety countermeasure with half the funding coming from other sources.	\$1.4M Construction FY26
US 33/I-75 Auglaize County	Implement safety improvements at Interstate 75 and US Route 33, including consideration of a roundabout at the northbound ramp intersection. High severity, proven safety countermeasure.	\$4.7M Construction FY27
SR 732 Butler County	Single-lane roundabout at Stillwell Beckett Road in Oxford. High severity, proven safety countermeasure.	\$5.1M Construction FY28
US 36/SR 721 Darke & Miami Co.	Implement safety improvements, including consideration of a roundabout at State Route 721 and US Route 36 near Bradford. Ranked location, proven safety countermeasure.	\$2.6M Construction FY26
SR 269 Erie County	Construct a roundabout at Portland Road in Groton Township. Ranked location, proven safety counter measure, previous improvements have not solved the problem.	\$4M Construction FY27
SR 4 Huron County	Construct a roundabout at State Route 113 in Lyme Township Location serves tourist traffic to Cedar Point. Proven safety countermeasure, previous improvements have not solved the problem.	\$4M Construction FY27
County Road 256 Franklin County	Widen the Gantz Road bridge to install a shared use path to provide neighborhood connectivity over Interstate 270 in Columbus. Ranked location, proven safety countermeasure, reasonable request for funds. Part of bridge rehab.	\$500,000 Construction FY23
SR 674 Franklin County	Installing sidewalk and reconfiguring the US 33 ramp to facilitate pedestrian travel across the interchange in Canal Winchester. Providing pedestrian accommodations across the freeway.	\$2M Construction FY24
SR 161 Franklin County	Intersection and drive improvements at Busch Boulevard in Columbus. City ranked location, high local match, reasonable cost.	\$751,000 Construction FY26

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US 20 Fulton County	Construct a single-lane roundabout at State Route 109 in Royalton Township. Ranked location with high severity. Proven safety countermeasure.	\$3.4M Construction FY27
SR 108 Fulton County	Construct a single-lane roundabout at County Road D in Clinton Township. Ranked location (ODOT and MPO) and proven safety countermeasure.	\$3.9M Construction FY28
US 422 Geauga County	Turn lane and signal improvements at Rapid Road in Troy Township Ranked location with high application score.	\$1.2M Construction FY26
SR 44 Geauga County	Turn lane and signal improvements at Hosford Road in Chardon. Low-cost safety improvement.	\$390,000 Construction FY25
SR 235 Greene County	Construct a turn lane and relocate the north leg of Byron Road. Skewed intersection with a history of angle crashes.	\$2.4M Construction FY26
County Road 20 Greene County	Construct a roundabout at Fairground and Hilltop roads in Beavercreek Township. History of severe crashes and large share of CEAO funds.	\$1.5M Construction FY27
County Road 84 Greene County	Construct a roundabout at Trebein Road and Dayton-Xenia/Hilltop Road in Xenia. Proven safety countermeasure and large local match.	\$1.1M Construction FY27
I-275 Hamilton County	Install median cable barrier from Blue Rock to US Route 27 in Colerain Township. Reasonable cost, proven safety countermeasure.	\$1M Construction FY25
County Road 457 Hamilton County	Road diet, signing and marking improvements on Harrison Avenue, from Kling to Queen City Avenue in Cincinnati. Pedestrian safety improvements along a 3-mile corridor in top urban area for pedestrian crashes. Large local match.	\$6.1M Construction FY25
SR 34 Henry County	Construct a single-lane roundabout at County Road 24 in Ridgeville Township. Ranked location, intersection skew and proven safety countermeasure.	\$2.4 Construction FY27
US 33 Hocking County	Funding for a feasibility study for a TRAC application that would fund long-term improvements for the corridor. Providing study funds for future TRAC application.	\$1M Construction FY24
US 35 Jackson County	Build a turbo lane at Dixon Run Road in Bloomfield Township. High severity, high application score.	\$1.1M Construction FY25
US 52 Lawrence County	Adding turn lanes at various intersection approaches at Charley Creek in Fayette Township. Ranked location with reasonable cost safety improvement.	\$1.1M Construction FY24
US 33 Logan County	Implement safety improvements, including consideration of a roundabout at State Route 274 near Huntsville. Ranked location, proven safety countermeasure.	\$2.5M Construction FY26
US 20 Lorain County	Construct a roundabout at State Route 511 in Camden Township. Ranked location with high severity. Proven safety countermeasure.	\$2.6M Construction FY25

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SR 611 Lorain County	Turn lane, signal and pedestrian improvements at Colorado Avenue in Lorain. Ranked location, low-cost improvement.	\$626,000 Construction FY25
County Road 1 Lorain County	Improve signal visibility with mast arms and reflective back plates at North Ridge Road and Elyria Avenue in Lorain. Ranked location, low-cost improvement.	\$348,300 Construction FY25
SR 51 Lucas County	Construct median islands at Monroe Street/Douglas Road in Toledo, increase signal visibility, relocate overhead sign structures, add flashing signal warning. Ranked location with low-cost safety improvement.	\$800,000 Construction FY26
SR 120 Lucas County	Pedestrian and intersection safety improvements along Cherry Street from Bancroft to Canton Street in Toledo. Ranked location, proven safety countermeasures targeting pedestrian safety, area of high poverty.	\$1.6M Construction FY26
SR 2 Lucas County	Construct median barrier along Navarre Avenue in the City of Oregon; rebuilding signals at nearby intersections. Ranked location with high local match.	\$5M Construction FY26
I-475 Lucas County	Construct a DDI at State Route 2 (Airport Highway) in Springfield Township. Ranked locations, providing development funding for Build Grant.	\$2.5M PE/Design FY24
US 42 Madison County	Construct a single-lane roundabout at Price Hilliards Road in Pleasant Township. Ranked location, high severity, proven safety countermeasure.	\$3M Construction FY26
County Road 135 Mahoning County	Installing a roundabout at Wildwood Drive in Boardman. Ranked location with MPO support. Proven safety countermeasure.	\$1.4M Construction FY27
US 23 Marion County	Remove the US 23 and Bethlehem Road intersection and install cul-de-sacs; convert the Newmans Cardington Road to right-in-right-out and add right-turn lanes in Marion. Low-cost safety improvement.	\$725,000 Construction FY24
SR 3 Medina County	Construct a roundabout at State Route 606 in Hinkley Township. Ranked location with pattern of angle crashes. Proven safety countermeasure.	\$3.7M Construction FY27
SR 162 Medina County	Construct a roundabout at State Road in Sharon Township. Ranked location with high severity. Proven safety countermeasure.	\$3.4M Construction FY27
SR 41 Miami County	Implement safety and pedestrian improvements at the Interstate 75 and State Route 41 Interchange in Troy, including ramp, signal, turn lane and sidewalk improvements. Ranked location, pedestrian safety improvements.	\$2.3M Construction FY26
County Road 74 Montgomery County	Implement safety improvements along Harshman Road, including a new signal at Beatrice Drive, signal upgrades at Valley Pike, and filling in a sidewalk gap. Low-cost safety improvement with pedestrian safety elements.	\$739,428 Construction FY26
SR 229 Morrow County	Construct a roundabout at State Route 61 in Marengo. Ranked location, proven safety countermeasure.	\$3.6M Construction FY25

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SR 32 Pike County	Build a turbo lane at State Route 124 in Piketon. <i>High severity, high application score.</i>	\$1.9M Construction FY25
SR 32 Pike County	Build an RCUT around the State Route 335 intersection in Beaver. <i>High severity, high application score.</i>	\$2.3M Construction FY25
County Road 133 Richland County	Construct a roundabout at Lexington-Springmill and Home Road in Mansfield. <i>Ranked location with high severity. Proven safety countermeasure.</i>	\$2.7M Construction FY26
US 23 Ross County	Intersection improvements at Blackwater Road in Green Township. <i>High severity, high application score.</i>	\$2M Construction FY25
SR 73 Warren County	Construct an eastbound left-turn lane onto Old 73 entering Waynesville. <i>History of severe crashes, reasonable cost.</i>	\$1.1M Construction FY26
US 42 Warren County	Turn lanes and other intersection improvements at Corwin Avenue in Waynesville. <i>Good location for safety improvement with significant share of Township funds.</i>	\$1.2M Construction FY25
SR 94 Wayne County	Construct a roundabout at State Route 585/604 in Chippewa Township. <i>Ranked location with high severity. Proven safety countermeasure.</i>	\$3.6M Construction FY27
SR 585 Wayne County	Construct a roundabout at Geyers Chapel Road in Wayne Township. <i>Ranked location with severity. Proven safety countermeasure.</i>	\$3M Construction FY26
Total		\$121M