

Old State Street Widening Project

In December 2015, The County sent Trustees copies of the widening project that affects VOCHOA frontage along Old State Street, between Royal Oak Drive and East Orange Road. Plans include installing a 10 to 14 foot high noise wall on the south end of Gladshire Drive, removal of the perimeter fence, removal of trees and some landscape beds and widening the road from 2 to 4 lanes.

The proposed noise wall will be located in the County's right-of way behind the homes of Royal Park Drive (East side adjacent to Old State St). We posted the County Maps on our web site for reference. The County never notified the Trustees in writing or verbally about their plans or noise wall vote (Survey). Later we learned the County sent letters directly to the Royal Park Drive and Crossing Place homeowners adjacent to Old State Street, and nobody else.

Our HOA attorneys are beginning discussions with the County Engineer office on that noise wall structure and land purchase amounts. Refer to VOCHOA web site for any updates on discussions. It is our understanding; construction for road widening begins in March 2017.

As of January 28, 2016, the County Engineer has agreed to take a new vote along Royal Park, since some residents did not respond to their previous survey. There is no guarantee the noise wall plans will be dropped, it is up to only the 8 Royal Park homeowners next to Old State Street.

The engineer from the county that is managing the Old State Road Project is:

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Homeowners may want to write and/or call our County Commissioners with any concerns about the noise wall. The commissioners are all 1st term, and might not be familiar with the road widening project. <http://www.co.delaware.oh.us/index.php/commissioners>

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If you are interested in getting involved, a new committee is being established. Please email Kim at kapheiffer@gmail.com. Many residents have voiced their concerns to Trustees and Facebook closed group site.