



CITY OF KENT, OHIO

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Public Meeting Scheduled for N. Mantua Street Improvements

The City of Kent, Kent City Schools, and Davey Tree are partnering to make improvements to a section of N. Mantua St., from approximately Needham Ave. to just beyond the northern Kent City limits. This stretch of road is less than one mile, but is well-traveled with schools, a residential development and the corporate headquarters for a major company in the area. It also serves as the northern gateway into the city.

A public meeting to learn more about the project will be held on Wednesday, Feb. 12, 5-7 p.m. in the cafeteria at Theodore Roosevelt High School. The meeting will be an open house format, with a formal presentation at 5:45 p.m. Attendees will have an opportunity to view the proposed improvements, ask questions and provide feedback.

This section of North Mantua has a daily volume of 17,000-18,000 vehicles; concerns about traffic and pedestrian safety, speeding, and vehicular ingress/egress have been a concern in this area for more than 20 years.

A Citizens Advisory Committee has been working with the planning committee for the past year to develop a plan to transform this stretch of road. The purpose of the project is to improve traffic flow and safety for all users, provide connections for a future bike trail, create an aesthetic gateway and improve turning movements and access to drives and to River Bend Blvd.

The planned improvements include the reconstruction of .45 miles of N. Mantua St., construction of a single lane roundabout at the relocated Davey Tree driveways/N. Mantua intersection, addition of a right turn lane exiting River Bend Blvd., and an upgraded traffic signal at the Roosevelt Dr. intersection. The project will also include pavement resurfacing, installation of a new median boulevard, curbing, driveways, sidewalk, shared use path, drainage, streetscaping, lighting, signing and pavement markings.

The project cost is estimated at \$5 million, with \$2 million secured in state funding. Construction would begin in late 2026 and take approximately one year to complete.

The City welcomes comments or questions about this project. These can be sent to Jim Bowling, City Engineer, at (330) 678-8106 or Jim.Bowling@kentohio.gov. Please submit your comments no later than March 14, 2025.

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