



# ATTACHMENT 14

Public Involvement

ARCADIS

**District 4 Public Information**



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August 17, 2009

RE: Open House Public Involvement Meeting, National Gateway, ODOT District 4 Rail Infrastructure Enhancements

Dear Resident:

The Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) and CSX Transportation, Inc. (CSXT) are hosting a public open house to discuss the National Gateway clearance projects. This initiative involves bridge replacements and track lowerings along CSXT's railroad between Sullivan and Youngstown, Ohio to obtain necessary overhead clearance required to allow more efficient and environmentally beneficial double-stack trains to pass. The following clearance projects are planned to occur in the following counties:

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**Youngstown**

- Remove portions of the abandoned railroad bridge located between North West Avenue and the Mahoning River

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**Portage County**

**Kent**

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- Replace bridge at Rock Springs Road
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## Summit County

### Akron

- Lower tracks at Thornton Street and the University of Akron Overhead Walkway
- Permanently remove bridge at Park Street

## Trumbull County

### Niles

- Replace bridge at Fifth Street

This letter is to inform you that an Open House Public Involvement Meeting will be held on **Wednesday, August 19, 2009 from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.** at the Northeast Ohio University College of Medicine and Pharmacy located at 4209 Sate Route 44, Rootstown, Ohio 44272. No formal presentation will be made during this open house public involvement meeting.

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the proposed improvement project and its benefits with the general public, residents, business and property owners and public officials and to solicit public comments regarding the proposed improvement and their social, economic, and environmental impacts. In compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended (codified as 36 CFR 800), information regarding the presence of any known cultural resources in the vicinity of the project is also requested. Cultural resources include prehistoric and historic archaeological sites, historic bridges, historic buildings, sites and districts.

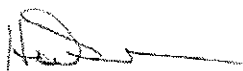
Representatives from the ODOT, CSXT and consulting engineers will be present to discuss the proposed project, right-of-way acquisition process, environmental considerations, as well as address any questions and concerns that you may have regarding this proposed transportation improvement project. The project is scheduled for construction in 2010. Detailed closure and detour information will be available at the meeting.

This public involvement is an opportunity to provide your comments. Therefore, your attendance at this meeting is greatly encouraged. Written comments may also be submitted by September 3, 2009, to the attention of:

Hadley Stamm  
ARCADIS  
284 Cramer Creek Court  
Dublin, Ohio 43017

If you have questions or need additional information, please contact Rusty Orben at 614-242-3935 or by electronic mail at [Rusty\\_Orben@csx.com](mailto:Rusty_Orben@csx.com). We sincerely appreciate your assistance.

Respectfully,

 for

Gary Sease  
Corporate Communications  
CSX Transportation, Inc.

**Submitted to:**

<b>Title</b>
County Commissioner
Sherriff
Portage County Engineer Kent
Service Director Ravenna
Township Trustees
Portage Park District
West Branch State Park
Portage County Sherriff Department
Director Portage County regional Planning Commission
District Coordinator Portage County Soil & Water District
Ravenna Patrol Post
Director Portage County EMA
Superintendent Portage County Educational Service Center
Superintendent Maplewood Career Center
Akron Police Department
Akron Fire Department
Kent Police Department
Kent Fire Department
Ravenna Fire Department
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Newton Falls Police Dept.
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Niles Fire Department
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Youngstown Police Department
Youngstown Fire Department
Summit County Historical Society
Kent Historical Society
Cuyahoga Falls Historical Society
Stow Historical Society
Portage County Historical Society
Franklin Area Historical Society
Randolph Historical Society
Kent Historical Society
Niles Historical Society
Trumbull County Historical Society
Mahoning Valley Historical Society
Western Reserve Historical Society
Ohio Bridge Association David Simmons
Ohio State Historical Society Mark Epstein
FHWA Liason Advisory Council on Historic Preservation
FHWA Dave Snyder Environmental Project Manager
Summit County Executive

Summit County Council
Summit County Sherriff
Mayor
Clerk
Director
Summit County Engineer
Director of Public Service
Physical Facilities Operations Center
Transportation Planning Administrator, Akron Metropolitan Area Transportation Study
Superintendent Mahoning County Educational Service Center
Canfield Patrol Post
59th District
28th District
43rd District State Representative
68th District State Representative
State Representative
State Senator
Mayor
Kent Planning Commission
Superintendent of Engineering Kent
Administrator
General Manager Portage Area Transportation Authority (PARTA)
City Manager
Department Head Streets Dept. Niles
County Commissioner
Sherriff
Portage County Engineer Kent
Service Director Ravenna
Township Trustees
Portage Park District
West Branch State Park
Portage County Sherriff Department
Director Portage County regional Planning Commission
District Coordinator Portage County Soil & Water District
Ravenna Patrol Post
Director Portage County EMA
Superintendent Portage County Educational Service Center
Superintendent Maplewood Career Center
Fire Chief Edinburg Township
Chairperson Edinburg Township
Vice-Chairperson Edinburg Township
Trustee Edinburg Township
Fiscal Officer Edinburg Township
Road Supervisor Edinburg Township
Townhall Manager
Trumbull County Engineer

County Commissioner
County Sherriff
Chairman
6th District, U.S. House of Representatives
Mahoning County Engineer
Deputy Director of Public Works
Mahoning County Commissioner
Mahoning County Sherriff
Mahoning County Planning
Mahoning County Engineer
Executive Director Mahoning County Planning Commission
Executive Director Western Reserve Transit Authority
Director Mahoning County Emergency Management & Communications Agency
ODOT hand delivered letters to homes close to obstructions

**Media Advisory: Public Meeting for National Gateway Clearance Projects in Mahoning, Portage, Summit and Trumbull Counties**

DATE: Wednesday, August 19, 2009

TIME: 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. (Open House Format)

LOCATION: Northeast Ohio University College of Medicine & Pharmacy located at 4209 State Route 44, Rootstown, Ohio 44272

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National Gateway Initiative

Sign In Sheet

National Gateway Initiative Clearance Projects Public Meeting August 19, 2009

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National Gateway

### Comment Sheet

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Name	Address	Email	Phone Number
MARK BOWEN			330-296-9666
<b>Comments:</b> DRAINAGE ALONG CSX TRACKS IN			
RAVENNA IS VERY POOR NOW, LOWERING THE			
TRACKS MAY NECESSITATE REPLACING LARGE			
AMOUNTS OF PIPE AND DITCHING WHERE THERE			
IS NO NATURAL FALL TO WORK WITH.			



# National Gateway

## Comment Sheet

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Name	Address	Email	Phone Number
Edward L. Boles	7880 Newton Falls Rd. Rav.		330-296-5376
<b>Comments:</b> Rock Spring Rd Bridges: 1 <sup>st</sup> And Use Detour Below.			
Detour For Rock Spring Rd - Use Rock Spring To <del>the</del> County, Highway 18			
To Leave Park			
To Enter From STRTS: USE STRT 59 TO 14 SOUTH TO County			
Highway 18 TO Rock Spring North.			



National Gateway Initiative

### Comment Sheet

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Name	Address	Email	Phone Number
K BENJAMIN	218 Conyer Ave, Kent	Kbenjamin2006@ york.ac.uk	
<b>Comments:</b>			
Good Ideas to double lead lights (on road etc) cars			
for more Rail Transport + Keep speed Traffic off of Highways.			
Good - No closures of traffic (in Kent) + side lanes			

## Comment Sheet

National Gateway Initiative Clearance Projects Public Meeting August 19, 2009

Name	Address	Email	Phone Number
Joe PARADISE	3284 BILTZ Road Kent, Ohio	—	330-802- 8897
<b>Comments:</b> Re: Rock Springs Road			
The elevation difference between the SR 5 @ Rock Springs Road intersection and the required elevation ABOVE the rails does NOT permit a design that meets ODOT Design STANDARDS within the intersection Area.			
Numerous recreational vehicles and boat trailers routinely access the State park via this intersection. From the Exhibits presented at the open house it appears that design deficiencies requiring design exceptions will be required to avoid the acquisition of additional Right of way. This avoidance of proper design standards to placate the needs of the RR should be avoided. I <del>am</del> was told that the County was contributing funds to this project and that all future maintenance responsibility was being shifted from the railroad to the public Authority.			
With my <del>to</del> nearly 40 years of service in Civil Engineering, the railroad has never wavered.			



on any of their design STANDARDS. The Railroad should be held to the same standard and be required to ~~make~~ design and construct a proper facility.

A design ~~sheet~~ that would shift the location ~~of~~ of the ~~crossing~~ crossing toward the west, while retaining the intersection location, would create ~~a~~ <sup>a reverse</sup> curve that permits the motorist the added distance needed to properly climb the hill over the RRR crossing.

When this original crossing was first build neither the state park, the Reservoir nor the Ravenna Arsenal ~~are~~ were in existence. We have no idea what the future holds for the Ravenna Arsenal Area. If and when future development occurs at that facility a proper access point to and from the environmentally attractive areas ~~should~~ will be needed.

Build it right the first time.

Lastly the CSX Representative (Rusty?) attempted to intimidate me as I started to write this comment sheet. I find that highly objectionable.

## STATE/LOCAL

## PORTAGE COUNTY

# Railroad to replace bridges

## CSX also to lower tracks as part of multi-state project

By Mike Sever  
Record-Courier staff writer

CSX Railroad Inc. plans to replace two bridges in Charlestown and lower tracks at several other places between there and Kent, part of a multi-state project the railroad is undertaking to increase its carrying capacity.

It is just a small part of the National Gateway, an \$842 million project to allow double-stack trains along the track from Wilmington, S.C., to Cincinnati. Of that total, CSX is paying \$393 million and \$258 million is from federal stimulus funds.

Double-stacking trains consists of putting two freight containers on each car, one atop the other like blocks. It expands the railroad's carrying capacity without increasing traffic. It also reduces truck traffic and wear and tear on highways, said Robert Sullivan, a CSX spokesman.

In Portage, CSX plans to replace the

Rock Spring Road and Knapp Road bridges in Charlestown.

The Rock Spring Road bridge is a main access point from S.R. 5 for the West Branch State Park and Michael J. Kirwan Dam and Reservoir. Replacing it has been a goal of Portage County Engineer Michael Marozzi for several years. The century-old, humpbacked wood-truss span is one of the oldest in the county. It has been closed several times for repairs in recent years, causing lengthy detours and headaches for local residents.

Marozzi said CSX has asked to use the \$500,000 congressional earmark by Rep. Tim Ryan for the Rock Spring Road bridge. The estimated cost is about \$900,000, Marozzi said.

Once completed to modern standards, the two new bridges would be turned over to the county engineer. Detours would be needed during the six months construction for each of the bridges.

Plans are also to lower the existing track bed at several places between Ravenna and Kent where there are overhead obstructions. The track bed would be lowered between 8 to 18 inches to provide clearance for double-stack trains. No detours would be needed.

In Ravenna, the track would be lowered about 18 inches from just east of Diamond Street toward Chestnut Street, to provide clearance under a Norfolk Southern Railroad bridge.

In Kent, the Portage Hike and Bike Trail and the Akron-Barberton Cluster Railroad bridge would be raised over the CSX tracks. And CSX rails would be lowered at the Wheeling & Lake Erie Railroad and Main Street bridges.

CSX and ODOT sponsored a sparsely-attended open house Wednesday at NEOUCOM to explain the project.

CSX is emphasizing the environmental and economic benefits of the gateway project.

The Akron Beacon Journal ran the following piece. Based on our records, just this publication and the Record Courier have written about the projects.

**CSX prepares bridge, track projects**  
**The Akron Beacon Journal (OH)**  
**By Rick Armon**  
**August 22, 2009**

CSX Transportation Inc. will raise and remove bridges, and lower railroad tracks throughout Northeast Ohio starting next year as part of its \$840 million National Gateway plan.

The local work includes removing the Park Street bridge in Akron, replacing the Knapp Road bridge in Ravenna and raising the Portage County Hike & Bike Trail in Kent.

The overall project is designed to improve container shipping between mid-Atlantic ports and the Midwest.

The work in Northeast Ohio will provide more bridge clearance so the railroad can carry double-stack trains — a move that will help take trucks off the highways, saving fuel and shipping costs, CSX said.

"We think it's an exciting project and one that will provide many benefits for Ohio and indeed the American economy," CSX spokesman Bob Sullivan said. He estimated that the railroad company, and the state and federal governments are spending \$235 million in Ohio.

As part of the project, CSX started construction earlier this year on the Northwest Ohio Intermodal Terminal, a \$175 million rail facility in Wood County south of Bowling Green.

CSX and the Ohio Department of Transportation District 4 hosted an open house last week in Rootstown Township to update the public about the local projects. Officials said they don't expect any major impact on local residents.

The local projects are:

**Akron:** Lower the tracks at Thornton Street and the University of Akron overhead walkway; and remove the bridge at Park Street.

"We're supportive of the work," Akron Service Director Richard Merolla said. "The Park Street bridge needed to come down anyway. I don't think anybody will miss it."

**Harrisville Township:** The tentative plan is to remove the Pawnee Road bridge and replace the Rivers Corners Road bridge.

**Kent:** Lower the tracks at the Wheeling & Lake Erie railroad bridge and Main Street bridge; and raise the Portage County Hike & Bike Trail and ABC railroad bridge.

**Ravenna:** Lower the tracks at Norfolk Southern railroad bridge; replace the Knapp Road bridge.  
**Westfield Township:** Replace the Mud Lake Road bridge.

The work will begin next year and continue for three years, officials said. Specific construction dates have not been set, they said.



**Kent Parks & Recreation Department**

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August 19, 2009

Hadley Stamm  
Arcadis  
284 Cramer Creek Court  
Dublin, OH 43017

REF: National Gateway – ODOT District 4 - The Portage Hike & Bike Trail

Dear Hadley:

I recently discussed this project with Todd Bergstrom of URS Consulting in Akron, OH. The Kent Parks & Recreation Department is supportive of the project, but there are a number of concerns that we would like to have addressed.

It is my understanding that the project will realign the trail to meet the new grades established by the raised bridge. The city would like to see a profile of the trail to ensure that the grade is not greater than 4%. What is the detour plan proposed to keep the trail open during construction? Can the bridge be utilized directly east of our bridge during construction as part of the detour? How long would the bike trail be closed?

Who will be responsible for damages caused to the abutment in the construction process? Who will be responsible for any repairs or improvements to the abutment discovered during construction? Will the railroad be responsible for the future maintenance of the bridge and abutment? What is the project timetable?

Your response to these issues is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

John J. Idone, Director

PC: Kent Parks & Recreation Board  
Jim Bowling, City Engineer

ARCADIS

**Akron Public Information**

**Meeting Notes**  
**National Gateway Vertical Clearance Improvements Initiative**  
*Distribution Date: September 25, 2009*

**Meeting:** Introduction Meeting  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 23, 2009  
**Location:** University of Akron, 100 Lincoln Street, Akron, OH  
**Time:** 4:30PM

Attendees:

Name	Company	Telephone	E-mail
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#### I. Introductions

- A. Attendees introduced themselves and their respective roles.
- i. M. Hoey – CSX Project Manager – National Gateway
  - ii. S. Markey – AECOM Project Manager – National Gateway
  - iii. D. Pierson – Assistant Vice President – Capital Planning & Facilities Management University of Akron.

#### II. National Gateway Overview

- A. M. Hoey provided an overview of the National Gateway Initiative.

#### III. BG-130.13 – Pedestrian Bridge (University of Akron – “Transportation Bridge”)

- A. S. Markey outlined the intended work to lower one track below the “Transportation Bridge”. Work would include the removal of the passenger platform in its entirety. No changes to the bridge would be made and the work would be contained to the track lowering and platform removal. Further developed plans and the construction package will be coordinated with the University as the project becomes closer to construction.

#### IV. Project Questions / Comments - University

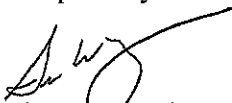
- A. Performing Arts Center – Will the project operation be louder than a regular construction site. CSX replied no, it would be normal construction noise. The Performing Arts Center is located approximately 1 ½ blocks from the track lowering site.
- B. University takes no exception to the work that is intended to be performed at this location.

**V. Other Items**

- A. Data Communication Relocation Project – Mill Street: The University is in the process of temporary relocation of a data communication cable that will be aerial over the tracks during the Mill Street Bridge Replacement Project. Permits have been executed by the University and are in for CSX execution. The University has been dealing with CSX's C. Meyers through the process.
- B. Safety Presentations – University is pleased with the safety presentations that T. Ludban has been performing with regard to safety around the railroad.
- C. Light Rail Line Potential – University inquired regarding a potential plan for Light Rail along the CSX Right-of-Way in the area of the former station. CSX will have R. Orben get in contact with University to discuss any particulars that they are aware of.

The above memorializes the meeting held with the University of Akron. Should any questions please either e-mail [sean.markey@aecom.com](mailto:sean.markey@aecom.com) or call at 215.966.4882.

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