



# RICHMOND/CHAGRIN I-271 CORRIDOR PROJECT

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# DEAR RESIDENTS,

For over 12 years, the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) has asked the City of Beachwood to **improve safety and reduce traffic volume** along the Chagrin Boulevard and Richmond Road corridor leading across the I-271 bridge. In summer 2022, City Council approved a traffic safety project to ensure the safety of our residents, visitors, and business community. At the end of 2023, ODOT updated its requirements to include third party review.

On **Monday, March 18 at 7:00 PM**, Beachwood City Council will vote on ODOT's updated agreement. If approved, the project will enter the design phase.

**The following information details Beachwood's proposed plan to address these traffic and safety issues.**

## How does Beachwood determine road safety?

- » Statewide Safety Listings: The project area (The I-271 Richmond Chagrin Corridor) appeared on ODOT'S high priority safety list consistently between 2012 and 2018.
- » Safety Analysis: A safety analysis was conducted using 3 years of data at the time ODOT commissioned the study. All required traffic and feasibility studies are now complete and ODOT is not requesting further traffic studies.

## What have we tried to improve safety and congestion to this point?

- » Signal Light Timing Adjustments & Signage Modifications

*These efforts did not result in a significant reduction in traffic accidents or traffic congestion.*

## What traffic improvements are included in the proposed plan?

- » Improved Safety & Reduced Congestion
  - » Improved access to I-271
  - » Additional turn lanes at the intersection of Chagrin and Richmond
  - » Improved traffic signal operations
  - » Improved traffic flow
  - » Infrastructure improvements to the bridge over I-271

View the map or visit our project webpage at [BeachwoodOhio.com/CorridorProject](https://BeachwoodOhio.com/CorridorProject).

## How will Beachwood help residents living in the area most impacted by this project?

- » Traffic Flow: Improvements will reduce congestion along the I-271 Chagrin/Richmond corridor.
- » Traffic Signal Timing Changes: Traffic signal time on **Letchworth** will be extended to allow more residents to access Richmond. Signals along **Richmond** will be adjusted to improve traffic flow.
- » Emergency Access: Emergency access will be maintained.
- » Communication: We understand that the proposed traffic safety plan will impact residents in your area. We will keep you up-to-date on all project plans, solicit your advice and work to mitigate the impact in your area.

## Will Bryden at Richmond be turned into a cul-de-sac?

- » ODOT Recommendation: ODOT originally recommended eliminating the traffic signal on Bryden and creating a cul-de-sac at Bryden and Richmond for ultimate traffic safety.
- » Current Design: "Right-in and Right-out" on Bryden currently appears in the preliminary design.
- » Safety: Beachwood's safety remains our top priority. We are exploring which design options will best address speeding, cut-through traffic, and other safety concerns on Bryden and Letchworth at Richmond.

## What is the estimated cost for this project?

- » Total Projected Cost: The project is currently estimated to cost \$17M.
- » Funding Secured: To date, Beachwood has secured approximately \$5M. Additional funding opportunities will be pursued during the design phase.
- » Tax Increase: Residents will **not** experience a tax increase because of this project.

## What is the timeline?

- » The project will extend over a duration of two years. We anticipate starting construction in 2027 and concluding in 2028. We will provide regular updates on the progress of this project.

## Where can I get more information on this project?

- » [BeachwoodOhio.com/CorridorProject](https://BeachwoodOhio.com/CorridorProject) or scan the QR code found on the back page.
- » Please feel free to contact Mayor Justin Berns at 216.292.1901 or Public Works Director Chris Arrietta at 216.292.1922 for additional information.

Agendas, presentations and video recordings of prior meetings available on our website at [BeachwoodOhio.com/CorridorProject](https://BeachwoodOhio.com/CorridorProject).

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