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NEWS RELEASE

Sandusky County Engineer seeking public's input with interactive online map for traffic improvements in northwest Ohio

(SANDUSKY COUNTY, Ohio) – The Sandusky County Engineer's Office is seeking the help of every citizen in northwest Ohio to improve the safety of our transportation network across the region. Community members can visit our website SanduskyCountyEngineers.com and access the Northwest Ohio Transportation Safety Plan public input map on our homepage.

This online tool allows users to point to any location on the map within Lucas, Ottawa, Wood and Sandusky counties and provide constructive feedback on the safety and efficiency of these places. You can comment on anything from observations of bad driving behaviors like speeding and distracted driving or on improvements needed, ranging from significant projects like a roundabout or road widening to more simple fixes like restriping the road or new lighting. We are looking for both positive feedback where you see things are working and critical feedback, where you see room for improvement and change.

In February, the Sandusky County Engineer's Office, along with Lucas, Ottawa and Wood counties, was one of 510 recipients nationwide to receive a \$400,000 federal grant as part of the new Safe Streets and Roads for All Program (SS4A). This grant allows for the creation of a Transportation Safety Action Plan, which will identify measures, locations and projects that will lead to a safer and more equitable transportation system, with the main goal of reducing traffic fatalities.

All four County Engineer's offices have been closely working with transportation consulting firm Toole Design this year to develop this action plan, looking at traffic crash data and identifying the biggest problem areas across the region but also diving into the why's and how's, including driver behaviors and user access to safe roads and transportation methods. The core advisory team has been speaking with stakeholders and representatives across all four counties, urban, suburban and rural as well as different users of the systems from car and motorcycle drivers to users of public transportation, bicycles and other modes.

"I'm excited to participate on this safety project together with my colleagues in Lucas, Wood, and Ottawa counties," Sandusky County Engineer Carlos Baez said. "It's all about collaboration and finding ways to make our roads safer as a region. We are asking the public to help us identify those locations where safety improvements are most needed."

The map will be live and open for comment until January 15, 2024.



INSTRUCTIONS

1 IDENTIFY
locations that need improvements, and places you feel safe by clicking on "ADD POINT" in the menu below.

2 DESCRIBE
your comment by using the pop-up box

3 AGREE/DISAGREE
with others' input by clicking on the point

*for detailed instructions, see "About & Help" below

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- ▲ Unsafe driver behaviors
- ✕ Crossing improvement needed
- Sidewalk improvement needed
- Bike lane or path improvement needed
- ✚ Better lighting needed
- ✚ I feel safe here

LEGEND

- County Boundary
- ▭ Study Area

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Figure 1 Pictured is the public input map, landlocked by Lucas, Wood, Ottawa and Sandusky counties, where users can comment on the traffic safety of any point across the region.

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Figure 2 The map legend offers some suggestions on what you can provide input on but the map allows for you to make any suggestions or comments on any topic concerning traffic safety.