What is the current status of decision-making on this project? No final decisions regarding any proposed improvements have been made at this time. Montgomery County is seeking public input, in order to ensure the best possible decisions are made for our community. We welcome your input and encourage you to provide comments.

How much will this project cost and how is it funded? The project’s current estimated construction cost is $3.21-million. Of this, approximately $2.086-million will be through federal Surface Transportation funds. The remainder will be funded by Montgomery County.

What acquisition is required for this project? The project is expected to be undertaken mostly within the existing public right-of-way. Temporary construction easements (up to 0.4-acre) will be needed on both sides of the bridge and to update curb ramps on Alex-Bell Road at the traffic signal. Affected property owners will be contacted at a later date to discuss the right-of-way needs, the acquisition process, and property owner rights under the process.

What is the schedule for the project? Construction is expected to begin in Spring 2023 and require up to nine months to construct.

Why can’t the project be undertaken sooner? Many factors go into developing a schedule for construction of a federal-aid project of this size. In addition to providing time for data collection, project design and quality control review, the schedule must also provide for public involvement, environmental review, environmental permitting, right-of-way negotiations, and utility relocations.

How will motor vehicle traffic be maintained during construction? Lamme Road will be closed to motor vehicle traffic at the bridge location; a signed detour will be provided. Currently, the expected detour (southbound) will be Stroop Road to State Route 741 to Alex-Bell Road.

How will pedestrian traffic be maintained during construction? Pedestrian access will be maintained throughout construction. During portions of the construction, sidewalk access will be restricted to the east or west side of the road, as repairs are undertaken on the alternate side. A pedestrian crossing of Holes Creek will be maintained during construction.

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How will the project affect bus service during construction?
During the road closure, Bus Route 19 will be detoured with the following bus stops temporarily closed:

- Lamme Road at Crew Circle
- Lamme Road at Polo Park
- Lamme Road at Belle Isle
- Alex Bell Road at Cobblegate
- Alex Bell Road at Meijer/McDonalds

The nearest bus stop available on Lamme Road will be at Bushwick Drive. Montgomery County will work with the Greater Dayton RTA to alert users to the shifts in stop locations during construction.

Why are the stop closures needed? In order to maintain acceptable route times, the Greater Dayton RTA must utilize State Route 741. This will prevent service to the affected stops during the road closure.

Will the project include accommodations for cyclists? The project will not provide separate bicycle facilities. The project will include sharrow pavement markings. Sharrows help convey to motorists and cyclists that they must share the roads on which they operate. The markings create improved conditions by clarifying where cyclists are expected to ride and by notifying motorists to expect cyclists on the road.

Will the project include aesthetic treatments or other amenities, such as decorative lighting? Decorative mast arm poles will be used for the traffic signal. Street lights will be attached to each pole to illuminate the intersection and the crosswalks.

Will the project include work in waterways or wetlands? The project will require work in Holes Creek. All necessary permits will be obtained prior to undertaking any work within the waterway.

How will the project affect the floodplain? The bridge replacement will require work within the designated Special Flood Hazard Area associated with Holes Creek. The proposed improvements will be designed to comply with local and National Flood Insurance Program requirements. The project will not increase the risk of flooding.

Will property access/driveway configurations be affected? No changes to existing drives are expected under this project.

How will utilities be impacted by this project? When will utility relocations occur? Temporary and permanent utility relocations may be required; utility coordination will be completed prior to the start of construction. A permanent utility easement (up to 0.2-acre) is anticipated.