# **BIG WALNUT INTERCHANGE**

The Big Walnut Interchange project will construct a new Interstate 71 interchange at Big Walnut Road (Township Road 109). The project also includes road improvements in an approximate half-mile vicinity and incorporates bike and pedestrian infrastructure as well as a potential park and ride facility to support fixed-route transit into Columbus and/ or Westerville.

### **Project Type:**

**Highways & Roads** 

### **Estimated Cost:**

\$67 million

### **Lead Agency:**

**Delaware County Engineer's Office** 

### **Project Contact:**

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### **Partner Agencies:**

**Ohio Department of Transportation, Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC)** 

### **Jobs Supported:**

1,320 created and retained

# Lewis Center Rd Big Walnut Rd

**Prioritized by:** 

**DELAWARE COUNTY** 

**Project Location Interstate 71 and Big Walnut Road** 

## **Project Benefits**

- Maintains competitive infrastructure by relieving traffic congestion at I-71 and Polaris/Gemini, a major office and commercial employment center
- Adds value to the transportation system by improving access to Alum Creek State Park, an important regional and statewide quality of life amenitity
- Maximizes existing infrastructure by utilizing existing roads in already-developed corridors
- Promotes active transportation by connecting neighborhoods within the project area through the construction of shared use paths
- Potentially supports transit through the construction of a park and ride facility at the project location



**Aerial view of project location** 







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