

# BIG WALNUT INTERCHANGE

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PROFILE

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.

Prioritized by:  
**DELAWARE COUNTY**

**Project Type:**  
Highways & Roads

**Estimated Cost:**  
\$67 million

**Lead Agency:**  
Delaware County Engineer's Office

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

**Jobs Supported:**  
1320 created and retained



**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 amenity
- 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



2016 aerial view of project location

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