

# THORNWOOD CORRIDOR

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PROFILE

The Thornwood Corridor project includes multiple components to improve Thornwood Drive as a north-south connector for Central Licking County. This includes linking the new Thornwood Crossing Interchange at SR 16 with Thornwood Drive at Reddington Road via a new bridge. The corridor will be further improved to the south, including addressing the profile of the railroad crossing to accommodate freight traffic.

Prioritized by:  
**LICKING COUNTY**

## Project Type:

Transportation - Highways & Roads

Estimated Cost: >\$10 million

## Lead Agency:

Cities of Newark and Heath

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## Partner Agencies:

Licking County Area Transportation Study (LCATS), Licking County Engineer's Office, Licking County TID, Grow Licking County CIC, Heath-Newark-Licking Port Authority

## Jobs Supported:

Manufacturing sector growth

## Project Benefits

- Maintains competitive infrastructure by increasing connectivity across the roadway network by linking SR 79 with the SR 16/SR 37/SR 161 corridor
- Adds value to the transportation system through creation of a vital north-south corridor for continued growth of Licking County's manufacturing sector
- Allows for continued economic growth across many communities, including Heath, Hebron, Granville, and Newark
- Improves access for major employers, including Ariel Corporation, Boeing, Ampacet, Covestro, THK, and others
- Improves safety and freight accessibility through improvements to the railroad crossing



## Project Location

Thornwood Drive from Cherry Valley Road/SR 16 to Beaver Run Road, including a new bridge and alignment over Raccoon Creek



Existing railroad crossing to be improved

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