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

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

**Jobs Supported:**
1,320 created and retained

**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

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

**Aerial view of project location**