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.

**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