

**Stow Road Sidewalk (SR 303- Ravenna)
Public Input Form**

This project is being funded by the City of Hudson and individual property owners will not be assessed for this project.

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Questions / Comments:

1. Are you in favor of the sidewalk project? Please circle one: Yes No Neutral

Comments: I am extremely excited and looking forward to the completion.

2. Are you in favor of the location of the sidewalk as recommended on the Consultant's conceptual plans? Please circle one: Yes No Neutral

Comments: I'm more in favor of a larger size/width to allow multiuse for Bikes, walkers etc without having to step aside into grass.

3. Additional project comments or input?

I truly believe that having curbs along the high use roads helps to give users a safer outcome. A curb is a physical barrier that would give that small resistance to hitting people if a driver were to veer to the side unintentionally.

Please return this form by November 28, 2024, to the following address:

Attn: Engineering Department
Hudson City Hall
1140 Terex Road
Hudson, Ohio 44236

Or email scanned copy to: engineering@hudson.oh.us

Dave and/or Senior Leader who reads the public comments,

Dave/Senior Leader, this letter is no disrespect to you, as I know you are doing your job. This sidewalk proposal is about a mile long and around one million dollars. It is about what Hudson has spent on previous sidewalk projects. "Million-dollar mile" sidewalk. This part of Stow Rd in Hudson has about 16 households, 5-6 horses, and around 50 beef cows.

Common sense only tells us that a sidewalk is not needed along this busy stretch of road. This is the rural residential district of Hudson, with the intent to preserve the rural character of Hudson. This does anything but that.

Why isn't this money spent in Canterbury? It would then be used regularly; with the hundreds of homes it holds. The current sidewalk along 303 to the Streetsboro border may see 1-2 pedestrians a day and is rarely used. I should have stopped and taken a picture this summer when the grass and weeds were 2 ft tall in the sidewalk cracks. The sidewalk on the south side of Hudson in the Darrowville corridor rarely gets used. There are less than a half dozen homes in that area. I think I saw one person in the past year using them. The new sidewalk along 303 to Terex Rd past the water/well field may see a person or two a week, there will just not be any people using it. The sidewalk along Middleton Rd and around the schools is great and will be used heavily. That is a great/smart move. (Terex Rd may get a sidewalk from Rte 91 to Rte 303. Poor choice)

Another issue that needs to be addressed immediately is the unsafe way the sidewalks are being built. They are level with the road and barely 2-3 ft away with a narrow grass strip.

- No curb
- No barrier between traffic
- No trees planted for a visual barrier and/or canopy
- No lights
- Salt will burn off the grass

If you look at the ruts within a week of landscaping, you will see how close cars get to these new sidewalks. It will only be a matter of time until Hudson has another fatality of a pedestrian, potentially even a child. It's devastating!

If a business, retail, or developer wants to build a project in Hudson they are held to a much higher standard. Everything is speckled in gold and lined with silver. On its own projects, the city gets away with being "cheap." Simply build less sidewalks, build them correctly, make them safe, and install them in areas where people will use and enjoy them.

20 million dollars have already been spent on sidewalks; this will be the second 20 million used to build more. 40 million!!

At some point in the near future the leadership in Hudson will change but the legacy of them will be a financial burden to the residents long after they leave

Many areas of Hudson need “real” infrastructure improvement: roads, drainage/flooding, water, and sewage. Sidewalks will have to be rebuilt when these improvements are done.

Leadership needs to listen to all the people of Hudson, not just the 5% (600 surveys) that fills out the surveys.

If you are going to build sidewalks,

- Build them safe
- Build them where they get used regularly and actually benefit people
- Create a separation between traffic and people. 8-10ft plus
- Acquire some right of way if needed
- Build barriers, guard rails, curbs, trees
- Build them right and build to use them (sometimes less is more)
- Follow your Land Development Code

I am all about improving the city, building parks, the schools, roads, and infrastructure. Let's just use some sense about it.