

RAVENNA STREET SIDEWALK
LET'S TALK HUDSON – PUBLIC COMMENTS

1. **I agree with installing the sidewalk in the north side of Ravenna Street connecting with the sidewalk already at Gloria Dei. A previous comment mentioned the utility poles, mailboxes, and connecting to the sidewalk on South Hayden as explanations why it would make more sense to install on the north side of the street.**

MaryL, 5 May 2025, 12:08

Thank you for your comments.

2. **No question; I didn't see any other place to submit my comments. I am in favor of the project. I think the sidewalk should be on the North side of Ravenna Street for the following reasons: There are utility poles on both sides of the street but the North side poles are set back further from the road, allowing room for the sidewalk without having to relocate the poles, which I think would be necessary on the South side. The mailboxes are on the South side of the road, which create obstacles for construction and require the sidewalks to be farther from the road, taking up more property. There is an existing sidewalk installed by the church not too long ago; it should be incorporated and demonstrates the feasibility of building the sidewalk between the utility poles and the street, without needing to move the poles. There is an existing crosswalk at S. Hayden corner to connect the new sidewalk to the existing neighborhood sidewalks. At the same time I think the open culverts on the South side of Ravenna Street, from 2190 to beyond 2160, should be deepened to expand capacity and piped underground to eliminate the open culvert, which permits flooding of adjacent properties, is a safety concern for children, a breeding-ground for mosquitoes, and a nuisance for adjacent residents. Further study may be required if the South-side culverts are inadequate to accommodate occasional excess stormwater; installation of additional underground pipe might be needed on the North side. Thank you.**

jbitburg, 31 Mar 2025, 17:19

Thank you for your input.

During the preliminary design phase, the staff will assess the existing infrastructure, including utilities, current sidewalks, Right-of-Way impacts, project costs, and environmental constraints. These factors are all carefully considered before deciding on the appropriate side for the new sidewalk. Additionally, all newly designed sidewalks will adhere to the City of Hudson standards as well as the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) guidelines.

3. **This sidewalk extension, as others we are witnessing, have the look for the infamous "bridge to nowhere". There are very few families served by these projects. As a**

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bicyclist myself, I will not use sidewalks because of the dangers at driveway intersections and the often irregular surfaces on existing sidewalks -- thump-thump, thump-thump, thump-thump.

cjkoth, 31 Mar 2025, 12:25

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- 4. Thank you. I guess my original question was cut off. I meant to state my preference for constructing any new sidewalk on the same side of the street as the existing. I also think the city should take a check point in the very near future to gauge the utilization of the new sidewalks that have been put in order to verify project utility. I live off of 303 and I walk all the time but I am very unlikely to use the new sidewalks on 303 as I don't really feel safe walking on them given that I often walk at night and they are pretty close to the road.**

James Crookston, 31 Mar 2025, 12:24

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5. Isn't there already sidewalk along this route?

James Crookston, 31 Mar 2025, 11:44

The upcoming sidewalk project along Ravenna Street will include a new five-foot concrete sidewalk on either the north or south side of Ravenna Street, between South Hayden Parkway and Stow Road. Currently, there is an existing sidewalk on a portion of the north side of Ravenna Street in front of the Gloria Dei Lutheran Church.