



## Quarry Trails Metro Park Multi-Modal Connections Project Update and Notice of October 10 City Council Presentation

September 30, 2022

### Project Overview

Since 2019, and in response to resident input on the desire to expand walking and biking trails that connect with parks and neighboring communities, the City of Upper Arlington has been working to provide our community with multi-modal connections to the new Quarry Trails Metro Park. This new Metro Park is located to the immediate west of Upper Arlington and promises our residents a new and exciting opportunity to engage in outdoor recreation activities not available within our own park system.

As part of these connections, the City is proposing two projects that would install a concrete shared use path on Lane Avenue from Riverside Drive to Asbury Road (2023) and on Riverside Drive from Lane Avenue to Trabue Road (2024). These two projects would be



Figure 1: Proposed shared use path on Lane Ave, Riverside Drive, and Trabue Road

constructed in the next two years and link to the Trabue Road Bridge that will be reconstructed by the Franklin County Engineer's Office in 2024 to include a 12-foot shared use path that connects directly to the Metro Park.

### Updates Based on Public Input and Plan Development

The City has been conducting public outreach on the proposed Quarry Trails Connections and has heard concerns about intersection safety, preservation of trees and the stone wall, along with general connection point questions. In response, our Engineering Division has worked with the Engineering Firm, Burgess and Niple, to adjust the plans, and we believe community feedback has made this project better.

The Lane Avenue shared use path is now 10 feet wide and would be constructed of concrete consistent with sidewalks and other shared use paths in Upper Arlington. The intersection of Lane Avenue and Asbury Drive would be realigned to eliminate the continuous right-turn lane, with the addition of a decorative timber guardrail between the roadway and the path. Advanced warning strips would be added on each side of driveways to alert pedestrians and cyclists of driveway locations.

The intersection of Riverside Drive and Lane Avenue is being evaluated with the City of Columbus to provide safety improvements to the existing pedestrian crossing. Most trees and all the existing stone wall would be preserved.

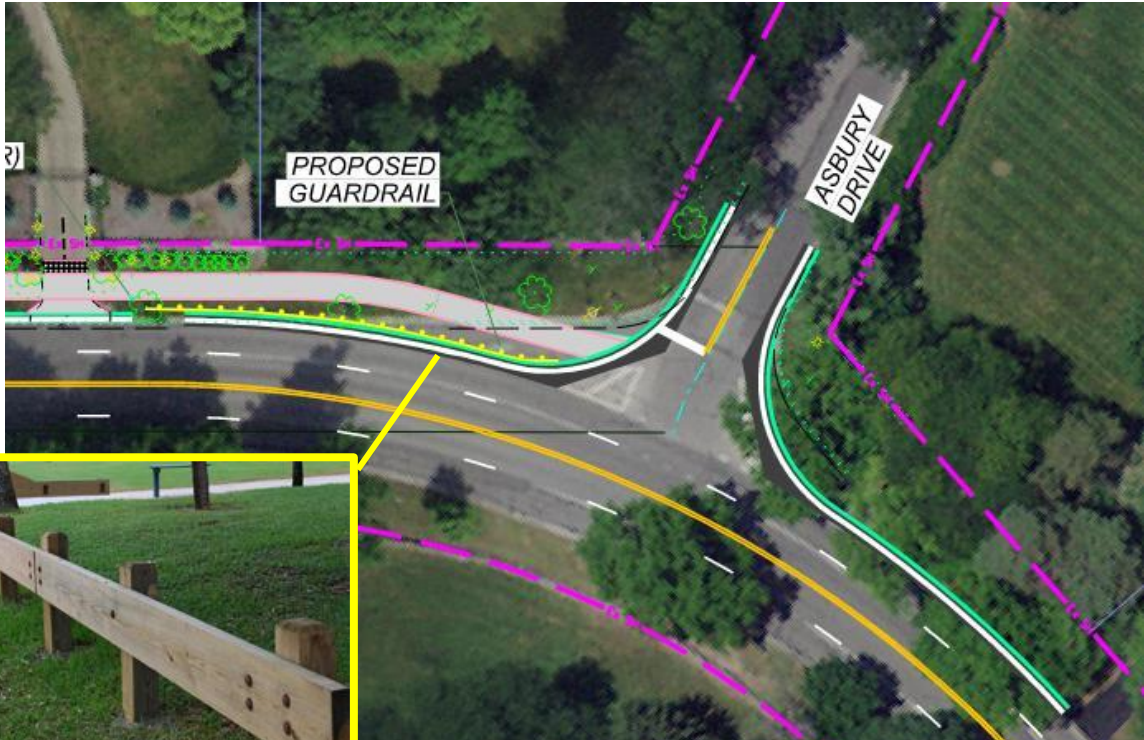


Figure 2: Asbury Drive at Lane Avenue realignment with decorative timber guardrail

The Riverside Drive shared use path is being designed as a 10-foot-wide concrete path consistent with the Lane Avenue connection. The path would continue onto Trabue Road, connecting with the Trabue Road Bridge that will be reconstructed in 2024 to include a 12-foot shared use path. We have investigated elevations, grade changes and utilities to ensure that this portion could be constructed with minor right-of-way acquisition.

### Funding Update

The City has received a State Capital Grant in the amount of \$338,000 for the construction of the Lane Avenue Shared Use Path Project in 2023. This fall, the City applied for a *Safe Streets and Roads for All* federal grant that, if successful, would provide funding for 80% of the cost to construct the Riverside Drive Shared Use Path Project.

### Next Steps

At the Monday, October 10, 2022 City Council Meeting, Staff along with the Engineering Firm, Burgess and Niple, will present an update on the Quarry Trails Metro Park Multi-Modal Connections Projects. City Council will also consider a Resolution of Support for the Connections Projects, directing staff to proceed with final design plans to be seen by City Council prior to construction. The City Council Meeting begins at 7 pm at the Municipal Services Center, 3600 Tremont Road.

### Want to receive future updates on this project?

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