



# City of Lorain

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**Mayor Joseph F. Koziura**  
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#### **City of Lorain Washington Avenue Bikeway/Bike Lane Project**

**LORAIN:** The City of Lorain proposes to improve bicycle and pedestrian options in the City of Lorain, Lorain County, Ohio. The work includes restriping portions of West 26<sup>th</sup> Street and Washington Avenue to add bike lanes, and constructing a 10-foot wide paved bike path along the south side of West 24<sup>th</sup> Street between Oberlin Avenue and Washington Avenue. The new bike path will run on along the north side of George Daniel Field and continue between General Johnnie Wilson Middle School and Washington Elementary School. Construction is currently scheduled to begin spring 2021 and will last approximately six (6) months.

The project will require an easement of approximately 0.5132 acres from the Lorain City Schools for construction of the bike path. Pedestrian access from West 24<sup>th</sup> Street to George Daniel Field will be restricted at various times during construction. Alternative access will be maintained to all recreational facilities. Alternative access maybe provided via Oberlin Avenue or temporary crossing during construction. The project will not impact any school facilities. The new bike path will be owned and maintained by the City of Lorain.

George Daniel Field is owned and operated by the Lorain City Schools. Facilities include a football stadium and baseball fields. These facilities are used for school functions and by local athletic leagues. Therefore, George Daniel Field is a recognized Section 4(f) property in accordance with 23 CFR 774, and is provided protection from adverse impacts due to federal-aid transportation projects.

The City has coordinated the project's involvement with George Daniel Field with the Lorain City School officials and will implement measures to minimize the impacts to the recreational property. The Lorain City Schools has concurred that the project will not adversely affect the protected recreational activities, features, or attributes associated with this resource.

Due to the necessary permanent acquisition of land associated with George Daniel Field, the City is seeking public input regarding these effects and the project in general. Questions and/or comments regarding this project may be directed to Veronica A. Newsome via phone at 440-204-2003, via email at [veronica\\_newsome@cityoflorain.org](mailto:veronica_newsome@cityoflorain.org), or via mail at Engineering Department, Lorain City Hall, 200 West Erie Ave. 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Lorain, OH 44052. Comments will be received through December 15, 2019.

The environmental review, consultation, and other actions required by applicable federal environmental laws for these projects are being, or have been carried out by ODOT pursuant to 23 U.S.C. 327 and a Memorandum of Understanding dated June 6, 2018, and executed by FHWA and ODOT.

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