

# What's next?

Work in Warren County's Heritage Area will proceed on two fronts:

## Route 63 Priority Project

By mid-July this year, the Warren County TID will submit an application for **BUILD** federal grant funding to the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT). BUILD stands for *Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development*, and provides a unique opportunity for DOT to invest with local agencies in road, rail, transit and port projects that promise to achieve national objectives in the categories of best value and efficiency, environmental performance, benefit-cost, community outcomes and other measures.



Notice of BUILD grant awards will be issued by DOT in late fall 2019. If successful in obtaining grant funding, the project will move ahead in 2020 under an ODOT design-build contact, with a start of construction in 2021.

In the meantime, evaluation and development of final details and recommendations for the State Route 63 Priority Project will continue. This will be a collaborative effort between ODOT and Warren County. A public meeting will be held to share final recommendations, environmental findings, and provide the public with an opportunity to review and provide input. This is part of the **BUILD** process requirements.

## Heritage Area Transportation Plan

For the larger Heritage Area and the Heritage Area Transportation Plan, work will continue to identify and prioritize transportation improvements needed for efficiency and safety in the overall network. Additional opportunities for public feedback will be available over the next several months as information is developed, but input is welcome at any time. Your input will help guide an effective plan for the Heritage Area.

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