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## **Portage County Engineer's Office Announces Silica Sand Road Bridge Replacement**

*ODOT Project No. POR-CR 253 Silica Sand Bridge West; (PID 113470)*

The Portage County Engineer's Office, in cooperation with the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT), proposes a design-build project to replace the bridge carrying Silica Sand Road (County Road 253) over Eagle Creek in Windham and Nelson Townships, Portage County, Ohio. The bridge is located approximately 350 feet east of Parkman Road.

The existing Warren welded steel truss bridge was built in 1950 and reconstructed in 1988. The project is in preliminary development and the replacement structure is being designed to avoid impacts to surrounding private properties and minimize impacts to Eagle Creek and abutting ecological features.

No right-of-way acquisition is anticipated for the project. Construction work is expected to begin in the summer of 2023 and be completed in the fall of 2023.

The proposed bridge replacement operations will require closure of Silica Sand Road at Eagle Creek for a period not to exceed 90 consecutive calendar days. Traffic will be detoured utilizing Newell Ledge Road, Pierce Road and Parkman Road. Detour information will be posted in advance of the bridge closure. Access shall be maintained to all adjacent properties for the duration of the project. Substantial traffic disruptions are not expected with the project.

The project will not result in any substantial impacts to environmental resources. The Portage County Engineer's Office is requesting that any comments you may have regarding the proposed project and/or environmental impacts be submitted by June 2, 2022 to:

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For further project information go to the Portage County Engineer website:  
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