

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

- Question:** Why are additional lanes being proposed?
Answer: The project is addressing traffic congestion and safety issues at the intersections of Church Road with Greenwood Avenue and Rices Mill Road. Crash history at the intersection of Church Road and Greenwood Avenue shows that crashes are occurring on average as frequently as once a month. Crashes have resulted from lack of sight distance, sharp curves, and long lines of cars waiting to make left turns. Church Road, approaching the Greenwood Avenue intersection from the west, will include a dedicated left turn lane, a dedicated through lane, and a through/right turn lane. These additional lanes will improve traffic flow. There will be a merge condition after the intersection, but the turning lanes will help relieve the congestion at the intersection.
- Question:** What measures are included to ensure the safety of pedestrians crossing at the intersections?
Answer: New ADA ramps will be installed at the Rices Mill and Church Road intersection where there are existing pedestrian crossings. At the request of Cheltenham Township, there will be continuous sidewalk along the north side of Church Road from Rices Mill Road to Greenwood Avenue. A pedestrian island and crosswalks will be provided at the Church Road and Greenwood Avenue intersection. Pedestrian signals will be installed at both intersections.
- Question:** Will pedestrian access to the arboretum on the north side of Church Road be provided?
Answer: The *Curtis Arboretum Management Plan* (2016) indicated that there would be a path/trail on the Arboretum property that would lead to the Church Road and Greenwood Avenue intersection. The roadway project will provide for an opening in the reconstructed stone wall at this location. There will not be a path/trail leading to the Arboretum constructed as part of the roadway project.
- Question:** What size and type of tree will be used to replace those removed?
Answer: The *Curtis Arboretum Management Plan* (2016) includes recommendations for 1-foot caliper replacement trees of particular native species to be planted along the perimeter of the project area once road construction is complete. These are large trees that will serve to soften the visual effect of adjacent traffic. The *Management Plan* also includes recommendations for the size, species, and placement of new perimeter trees.
- Question:** What is the stormwater management system being proposed?
Answer: A dry stormwater detention basin is proposed on the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College along the east side of Greenwood Avenue. It will be designed to drain within 72 hours; it will be designed to not have standing water. Curbing will be provided within the project limits which will collect and convey the roadway runoff along the gutter line and into inlets and pipes draining to the stormwater basin. The basin will treat and slowly discharge water to the existing stream at the low point of Greenwood Avenue.
- Question:** During construction, how will it affect the residents and commuters along Church Road?
Answer: A Maintenance and Protection of Traffic (MPT) Plan will be prepared as part of the project. The contractor will be required to maintain access to all driveway entrances. We do not anticipate the need for nighttime construction. The existing travel lanes will be maintained as much as possible. There will be a one-way detours along Church Road and Greenwood Avenue but the duration of these will be minimized by staged construction.

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