

From your car ...



WATCH for Changeable Message Signs

Signs will be placed on roads leading toward the construction zone. They will always provide current and upcoming information about the project.



From your home or office ...

VISIT the City of Kent Engineer's Web Site

City of Kent Engineering Division
<http://www.kentohio.org/>
 330-678-8106



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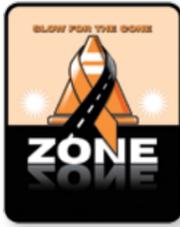
VISIT the Buckeye Traffic Web Site

www.buckeyetraffic.org



WATCH for Other Construction Signs

Other construction signs will also be placed on roads leading up to and throughout the construction zone. They will always provide direction through or around the construction areas.



Slow for the Cone Zone

For your safety and the safety of construction workers, plan to slow down and be prepared for changes in traffic flow.

Tune to 1620 AM

The City of Kent Radio Station will always provide you with more in-depth information about the project. Tune in before you reach the construction zone to hear the latest information.



American Recovery and Reinvestment Act

The Crain Avenue Bridge Relocation project is partially funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act's transportation stimulus funds.



Interesting Project Facts

Roadway & Pedestrian design features

- New pavement, curb, sidewalk, drive aprons, and retaining walls
- New traffic signals, signing and street lights
- Construction of a Bike Path and Pedestrian-only Bridge
- Aesthetic enhancements to the bridges
- Wider sidewalks and tree lawns

Streetscaping design features

- Brick pavement, brick walk and brick tree lawn
- Decorative lighting on bridges
- Rich greenery and landscaping features

Environmentally friendly design features

- LED lighting for Bike Path
- New wetland and vegetative swale
- Reuse of the old Crain Avenue Bridge sandstone for terraced walls
- Reduced traffic congestion = Reduced automobile emissions
- Increased green space

Improved traffic flow/safety design features

- Additional turn lanes at the Fairchild Ave./SR 43 intersection
- Improved traffic signal connectivity
- State-of-the-art railroad crossing
- Pedestrian signals at intersections
- Improved street lighting

FAQ's

Are road closures planned for the project?

Yes — Fairchild Avenue, Crain Avenue and Cuyahoga St. will be detoured during various phases. Road closures will be held to a minimum duration, but are required for the safety of the traveling public and contractor.

Is the Crain Avenue Bridge expected to remain open during construction?

Yes — The existing Crain Avenue Bridge will remain open at all times until the new Fairchild Avenue Bridge is opened.

Will SR 43 (N Mantua Street/Gougler Avenue) remain open to traffic?

Yes — SR 43 will remain open throughout all phases of construction.

Will the residents and businesses have access to their properties during construction?

Yes — Access to all properties will be maintained during construction.

When will the project be complete?

The project is anticipated to be completed by the end of 2012.

Your Guide to the Fairchild Ave. Bridge Project

The Crain Avenue Bridge has become one of the busiest Cuyahoga River crossings in the City of Kent. More than 17,000 vehicles travel across the bridge every day. In its current condition, the Crain Avenue Bridge can no longer accommodate the ever-increasing loads and volume of traffic. The adjacent Crain / Fairchild / S.R. 43 intersection is the most congested intersection in Portage and Summit Counties. This same congestion caused 180 accidents in the project area over a two year period.

As a result of community input, a new bridge will be constructed which extends Fairchild Avenue to Water Street and eliminates the Crain Avenue and S.R. 43 intersection.

Upon completion, the new Fairchild Avenue Bridge, roadway improvements, and state-of-the-art traffic and pedestrian signal systems will reduce congestion and improve safety in the area. Combined with the new bike trail and pedestrian bridge, wider sidewalks and tree lawns, the project will provide a pedestrian-friendly facility, better access to businesses, and will greatly improve the face of this major entrance into the City of Kent.

Safety within the construction zone will play a major role through completion of the project. This brochure provides information about the project, how to stay informed of construction information and how to travel safely through the work zones.

Keep this brochure on hand for a quick reference!

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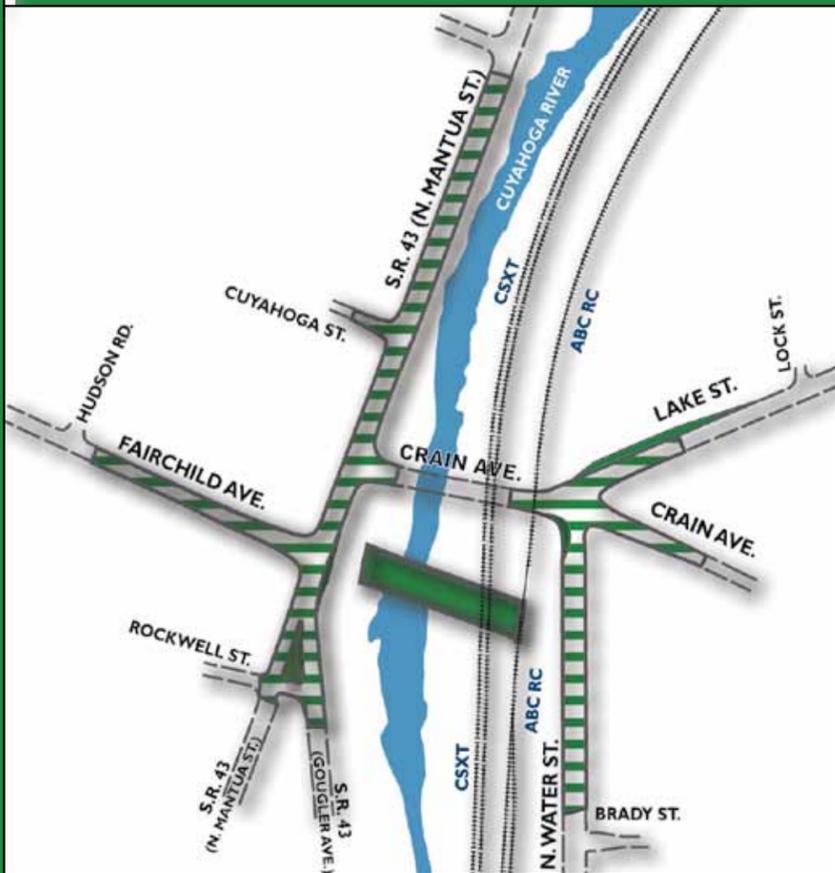


Phase 1 (green)

- Fairchild Bridge construction
- Temporary pavement construction on SR 43 and Lake (Limited traffic restrictions)
- Pavement construction on SR 43 (No westbound left turn onto Fairchild from northbound SR 43)

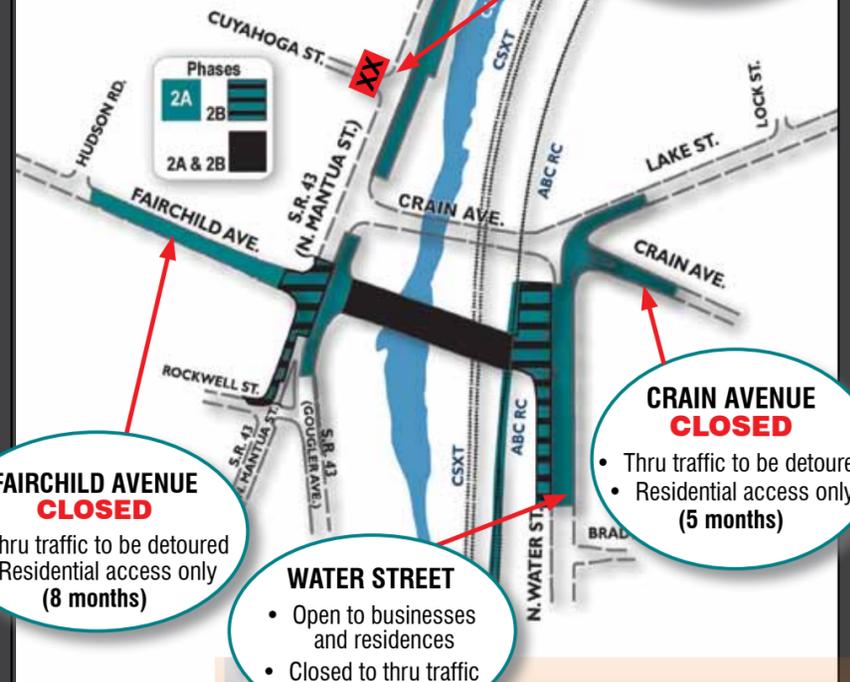
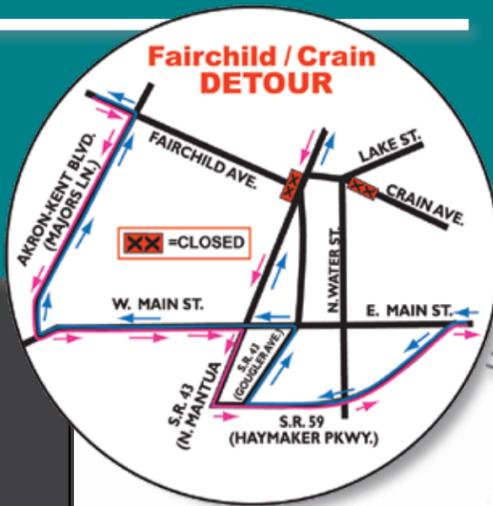
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- Utility relocations on Fairchild, SR 43, Crain, Water and Lake (Limited traffic restrictions)



Phase 2A

- Fairchild Bridge Construction
- Pavement construction on Fairchild, SR 43, Crain, Water and Lake (Traffic restrictions)
- Detours for Fairchild and Crain
- Railroad construction



Phase 2B

- Fairchild Bridge Construction
- Pavement construction on Fairchild, SR 43, and Water (Traffic restrictions)
- Detour for Fairchild

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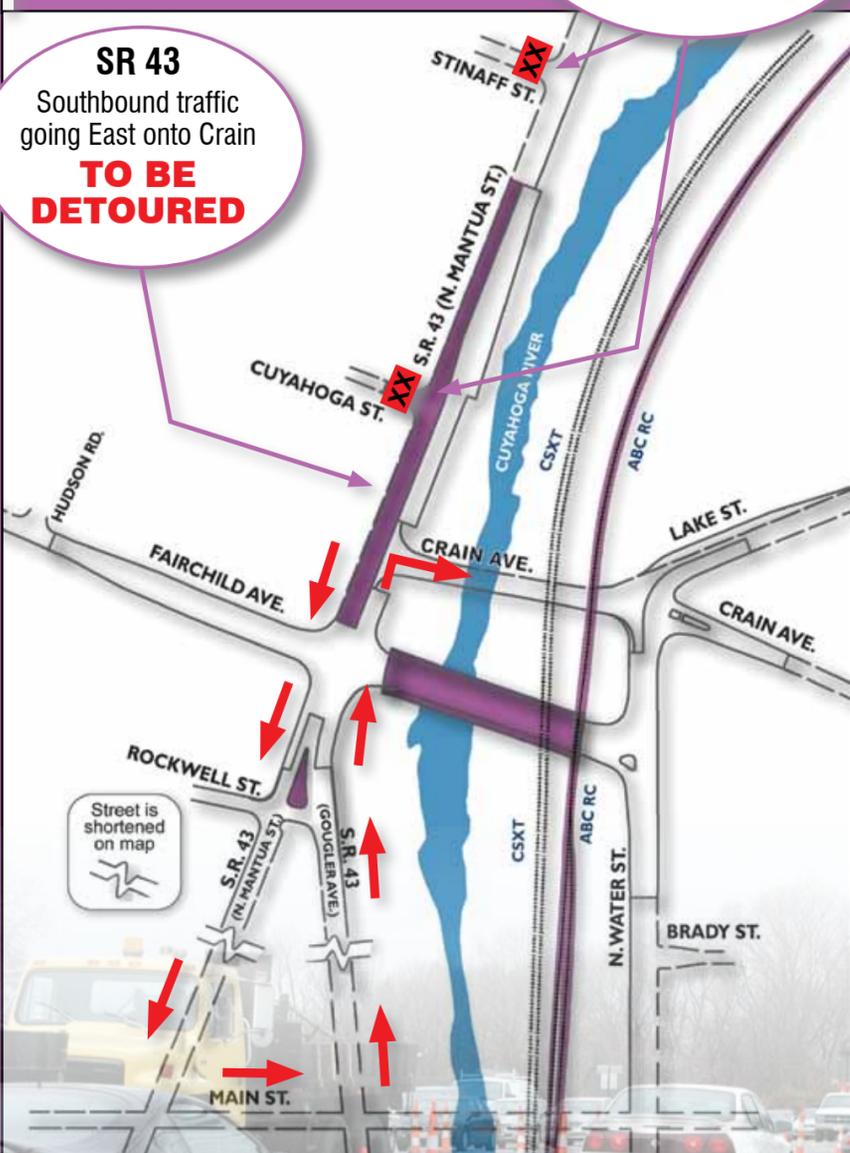


Phase 3

- Fairchild Bridge construction
- Pavement construction on SR 43 (Traffic restrictions)
- Fairchild Bridge open to traffic
- Railroad construction

STINAFF ST. and CUYAHOGA ST. ACCESS FROM S.R. 43 **CLOSED TO ALL TRAFFIC**

SR 43 Southbound traffic going East onto Crain **TO BE DETOURED**



Phase 4

- Pavement construction on SR 43 and Lake (Traffic restrictions)
- Crain Avenue Bridge demolition
- Utility/Pedestrian Bridge construction
- Bike Path construction
- Landscaping

SR 43 Southbound traffic going East onto Fairchild **TO BE DETOURED**

