



Avon council planning Chester Road widening

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AVON, Ohio -- Avon City Council is expected to vote next week on approving plans to widen Chester Road from Ohio 83 to Jaycox Road in anticipation of new businesses opening.

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Cabelas is now under construction on Chester Road. Construction is expected to soon begin on the new **Menards** store and the new world headquarters of the **Bendix Commercial Vehicle Systems**, have been cited as the reasons Chester Road must be turned from an old-fashioned two-lane road into a modern, five lane roadway.

Council is expected to formally approve the road improvements at the Monday, Sept. 28, council meeting.

At the city council committee session Monday night, Mayor Bryan Jensen said the work could begin soon after the new year and be completed by next September on about a mile of road reconstruction which will cost about \$5 million. The city's portion would be about \$1,450,000. The Jacobs Group, which owns most of the land on both sides of Chester Road, will pay \$1.87 million for one portion of the project. The remainder is expected to come from property owners, which could include Jacobs.

The project will be done in three steps, the first will be from Ohio 83 to Cabelas, the second the area along the Cabela's property and the third the remaining half-mile to Jaycox Road.

Once the project is complete, Chester Road drivers will face a problem. The road will be five lanes from Ohio 83 east to Jaycox Road, where it drops down to two lanes for about a half-mile until the intersection of Nagel Road, when it widens once again.

City Engineer Ryan Cummins said the city is well aware of the pending bottleneck and said plans are being considered to rectify it.

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