

RESOLUTION NO. 538 CMS

A RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE RELOCATION OF OHIO STATE  
ROUTE 10 AND U. S. ROUTE 20 ACROSS PARSONS ROAD EAST  
OF OBERLIN AND DECLARING SAME AN EMERGENCY

WHEREAS an area of several hundred acres of land lying east of Oberlin along Hastings, Hale, Parsons and West Roads is in the Oberlin School District, and

WHEREAS the Oberlin city reservoir and water treatment plant is located within said area, its roadway access to and from Oberlin is of great importance to the whole Oberlin community, and

WHEREAS the plans of The Ohio State Highway Department for the relocation of Ohio State Route #10 and U. S. Route #20 as a limited access Throughway along the north-westerly side of said area threatens to close off Parsons Road with the result that thereafter there could be no direct east-west roadway connection between said area and any other part of the Oberlin community all the way from its northern limits to a point well south of the city of Oberlin at Kipton Nickel Plate Road, and no roadway connection at all north of that point except for a narrow underpass for West Road beneath the projected Throughway at a point on present Route #20 about midway between Parsons Road and the intersection to the north, between the extension of East Lorain Street and present Route #20, and

WHEREAS traffic toward Oberlin emerging from such an underpass would have only the choice of doubling back at a sharp reverse angle to Parsons Road or of continuing north to the East Lorain Street extension where an extremely awkward left hand turn would be required (also at a sharp reverse angle) before proceeding toward Oberlin.

It is, therefore, clear that Parsons Road must be kept open by way of an adequate underpass beneath the projected Throughway for:

1. The convenience and safety of children transported to and from our schools.
2. The movement of emergency vehicles, including fire-fighting equipment.
3. To preserve access along the full length of Oberlin's waterline on Parsons Road which is the only connection between the Oberlin City Water Treatment Plant and Oberlin city water mains.
4. To prevent an important part of the Oberlin School District (and therefore, an important part of the whole Oberlin community, a part of which is already unusually isolated from the east by the Black River) from becoming isolated from the west as well, in such a way that its land and home values will be depreciated to the disadvantage of all concerned.

BE IT NOW RESOLVED, THEREFORE, that the great importance of this matter be kept before the attention of the Ohio State Highway Department and all the other official agencies and other parties concerned until the problems involved are assured of satisfactory treatment and, to that end, be it resolved further,

that the Clerk is hereby authorized to transmit certified copies of this resolution to the Ohio State Highway Department at Division 3 in Ashland, Ohio, and to their Headquarters in Columbus, and to our own state and national legislative representatives and to Governor Rhodes.

This resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure for the immediate preservation of the public peace, property and welfare of the citizens of Oberlin, Ohio and shall take effect upon passage.

PASSED: 10/4/65      Emergency

ATTEST:

*Ruth B. Gregg*  
CLERK OF COUNCIL

*Lyle K. Butler*  
CHAIRMAN OF COUNCIL

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I hereby certify that the posting and/or publication as outlined in Sec. 14 of the Charter has been complied with.

*Ruth B. Gregg*  
Clerk of Council