

Miami Twp. delays deal for safer pedestrian access near Dayton Mall

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Miami Twp. trustees Tuesday night put on hold a deal to build safer pedestrian access routes near the Dayton Mall to help eliminate areas such as this on Lyons Road between Byers Road and Ohio 741. NICK BLIZZARD/STAFF

Miami Twp. is delaying a measure paving the way for an agreement allowing for safer pedestrian access near the Dayton Mall.

Trustees on Tuesday night were set to consider a resolution for the Montgomery County Transportation Improvement District to “provide design, engineering and construction on a turnkey basis” for upgrades along Lyons Road and Ohio 741 just west of the mall.

But township officials said certain details involving the plan were not in place and there is “no reason to rush that through,” said Community Development Director Chris Snyder. It will likely be voted on next month.

The changes would provide sidewalks to protect pedestrians from traffic along Lyons and the state route, the latter of which is a business corridor.

The \$1.7 million project is in line to receive more than \$1 million in federal aid to fund the project, which would involve pedestrian routes on Lyons Road from Byers Road to Ohio 741, and on Ohio 741 north of the Lyons intersection.

The resolution will allow Acting Township Administrator Ron Hess to enter into an agreement with the county TID.

The work will include improved pedestrian access across the Lyons Road overpass to Interstate 75, as well sidewalk upgrades along the western side of Ohio 741 leading to the mall, plans show.