

The Highway 45 Corridor Improvement District Project main purpose is to create a positive sense of place amongst a heavily trafficked corridor to encourage and attract continued reinvestment. It could include capital improvements, such as streetlights, signage, landscaping, public art, sidewalks, crosswalks or trails and bike friendly amenities, for the corridor as well as regulatory measures where necessary. The corridor improvement district will weigh heavily on addressing highway safety, traffic and access issues.

Making capital improvements along a major corridor brings value to any development project, it helps to improve or stabilize property values, it's attractive to investors, and overall it improves the image of Columbus. Everyone in Columbus utilizes highway 45 for various reasons-improving it would be just another example of their tax dollars at work.

The public meeting is to introduce the boundaries of the district and solicit capital improvement ideas. The capital improvements for the district will be paid for by setting aside "new" advalorem tax revenue in a special fund to cover those costs.

The council will have to approve both the district boundaries and revenue fund. The regulatory improvements will be identified at a later stage , if at all, once a complete plan for the project is complete.