

City of Oberlin

85 South Main St. Oberlin, OH 44074

Public Works Department

September 10, 2021

TO: South Park, Grafton & Sumner St. residents

FROM: Jeff Baumann, Public Works Director

RE: Street Improvement Project

Last fall, the City of Oberlin Public Works Department applied for and received a combination grant/loan from the Ohio Public Works Commission to pay 59% of the cost of improvements on South Park and Grafton streets. Our Engineering Division subsequently designed and bid these improvements and, on July 6th, City Council awarded a construction contract to Crossroads Asphalt Recycling, Inc. in the amount of \$366,388.25. We held our pre-construction meeting and Crossroads has provided us with a preliminary project schedule. This note is intended to alert residents to what to expect in your neighborhood during construction.

Crossroads Asphalt has sub-contracted the concrete work and the storm sewer work to RMH Concrete. RMH is expected to begin next week. Their work includes the replacement of about 500' of curb including around the outside of the South Park/Grafton intersection. Sidewalks and ADA ramps will be improved at the Groveland, Locust and Sumner street intersections. (6) catch basins and about 60' of 12" storm sewer pipe will be replaced. To improve visibility and safety, the bike path crossing immediately north of Sumner St. will be lowered about 9". Crossroads has reserved about one month in their schedule for RMH to complete this work.

Once the concrete and underground utility work is complete, Crossroads will mill off 3 1/4" of the existing asphalt pavement and the street will be resurfaced with a 1 3/4" intermediate course, followed by pavement overlay fabric, a 1 1/2" surface course and an asphalt rejuvenator. Pavement markings including crosswalks, stop bars, sharrows on South Park (see below) and the bike path XING symbol will be thermoplastic for enhanced durability. The North Coast Inland Trail (future US Bike Route 30) crossing will be marked in high visibility green thermoplastic. Paving, striping and final clean-up should take an additional 3 weeks or so. Safe, active transportation improvements to facilitate biking and walking are described in the School Travel Plan adopted by the Oberlin City School Board and endorsed by City Council early this year.

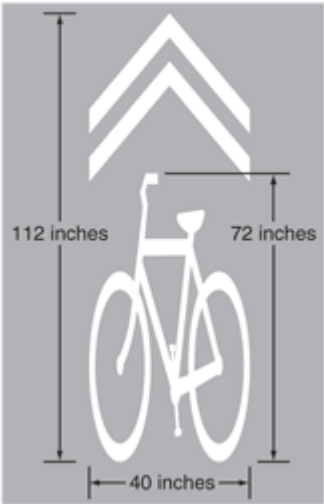
Crossroads' schedule indicates that they will be finishing up by the end of October. Work on any given day and the overall schedule are weather-dependent so we expect to work with them to expedite the project as necessary.

During construction, contractors will maintain traffic in both directions. With the storm sewer and bike path crossing work, however, there will be times when it will be necessary to close the street temporarily. After working hours, the excavation will either be backfilled or plated to allow traffic to pass safely. While this project should be relatively minimally disruptive, any residents with special needs should contact the Public Works Department as soon as possible so we can help to determine how accommodations may be made.

We have worked with both Crossroads Asphalt and RMH Concrete on many other projects and we're confident that they will do a good job. Generally we expect them to work 10-hour days, approximately 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Thursday with Friday as a make-up day for weather related delays. The City has hired a third party inspection firm, Quality Control Inspection, Inc. (QCI) to assist in managing this project.

I do intend to send out occasional project updates via e-mail. If you'd like to be on this e-mail list, please send me a brief note at jbaumann@cityofoberlin.com. If you have any questions at any time during the project, please contact the Public Works Department at 775-7218.

For your safety and the safety of construction workers, inspectors and City staff, please exercise caution at all times around the construction work and construction equipment. Although there will be temporary inconveniences, I would like to thank you in advance for your patience and cooperation during this project.

<p>Figure 9C-9. Shared Lane Marking</p> 	<p>The shared-lane marking is widely known as sharrows. These were standardized in the 2009 edition of the Federal Highway Administration's Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD). The marking is a bicycle logo with two chevrons painted on the street. The symbols have five intended purposes as spelled out by the MUTCD:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">A. Assist bicyclists with lateral positioning in a shared lane with on-street parallel parking in order to reduce the chance of a bicyclist's impacting the open door of a parked vehicle,B. Assist bicyclists with lateral positioning in lanes that are too narrow for a motor vehicle and a bicycle to travel side by side within the same traffic lane,C. Alert road users of the lateral location bicyclists are likely to occupy within the traveled way,D. Encourage safe passing of bicyclists by motorists, andE. Reduce the incidence of wrong-way bicycling
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