

City of Oberlin

85 South Main St. Oberlin, OH 44074

Public Works Department

May 7, 2024

TO: North Park St. Residents and Neighbors

FROM: Jeff Baumann, Public Works Director

RE: North Park Street Reconstruction and Intersection Improvements

Last summer's replacement of the sanitary sewer and water mains on North Park St., from East Lorain St. north to the School District properties was Phase 1 of the planned improvements on North Park St.

Last fall, the Public Works Department submitted a successful application to the Ohio Public Works Commission for the North Park Street Reconstruction and Intersection Improvements project. OPWC will pay for 48% of the project costs up to \$390,000. The balance of the funding is budgeted in the City's Income Tax Capital Improvement Fund. We described the project as follows in our application:

Since the 2021 completion of the new PK-5 Elementary School, North Park has seen a significant increase in all types of traffic. Its (2) 10'6" lanes do not support buses, inexperienced teen drivers and younger children walking and biking. To improve safety, the scope includes reconstruction and widening from 21' to 26'. ODOT Type 2 curb with underdrain will be installed. The street will be re-built with 6" aggregate base, 4" of ODOT 301 asphalt base, 1¾" ODOT 441 Type II intermediate, pavement fabric and 1½" ODOT 441 Type I surface. An asphalt rejuvenator will be applied. Intersection improvements on the north side of SR511 will provide for left turn/through lanes with stacking for two buses. Crosswalks, stop bars, School Zone and channelization markings will be thermoplastic.

In accordance with the approved School Travel Plan, the City is also designing a new multi-use path on the east side of North Park from East Lorain to the schools. These two projects are planned for this summer. In the longer term, we are also looking to replace and upgrade the traffic signal system at East Lorain and considering the installation of a new continuous sidewalk on the west side of the street.

We'd like to invite you to a public presentation and discussion of our plans to get your feedback and perspective on this project. We have reserved the cafeteria at the Elementary School on Thursday, May 16th at 6 p.m. to share our plans and to hear your thoughts. Please join us!

If you have any questions, please contact me at jbaumann@cityofoberlin.com or (440) 775-7204.

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