

ROAD REPORT

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FROM THE ENGINEER

Since our last road report, we were informed by ODOT that the low bidder, (Cuyahoga Fence LLC), did not meet the ODOT DBE requirements at the time of the bid. Therefore, we had to reject the bids and will have to rebid the project. We are advertising on Tuesday and will open bids, again, on February 13th. I'm hoping this time around the contractors follow the correct ODOT DBE procedures in order to have a successful bid. This guardrail project is 100% funded from federal monies. We will be making upgrades and fixing guardrail all over the county.

In addition to the guardrail project, we are also currently working on bidding five other contracts. Three of them are our paving contracts, one is an OPWC Township paving contract, and a paving contract for the fairgrounds. We hope to bid all of these contracts in February and March. Two of our contracts (Town Route & CR 177) will be partially funded with OPWC funds. CR 89 and CR 106 will be funded 100% with our MVGT funds.

Last week, I was invited to attend the Chamber of Commerce Legislative Committee meeting. The Chamber invited ODOT District 2 to present the bypass roundabout project to their members. Chris Waterfield, from ODOT, did a really nice job presenting the project. For the most part, the actual roundabout project received good reviews. The issues and concerns were more about property owners on East State Street and CR 229. Their concerns were about access to their properties with the new improvements. At this time, ODOT only has a concept of the project and the direct access

(Driveway locations, etc.) will not be known until the designer performs a survey and they come up with a preliminary design. Per ODOT's project schedule, preliminary design won't be completed until around mid-2022.

The National Weather Service is calling for 4"- 6" of snow tomorrow. Let's hope that they are wrong. But if they are right, please be safe. I know our crews will be ready to handle the storm.

Have a Nice Weekend!!!

FROM THE ROAD SUPERINTENDENT

Here we are just a little more than halfway through January, in a winter, that hasn't really felt like winter yet. Last weekend, the area saw around 2.5 inches of rain with some temperatures in the 50's and 60's. Looks like we are going to see a taste of some winter weather tonight, with a couple inches of snow predicted. It is then supposed to warm up and change to rain. Then, on the backside of the storm, cold air is expected, bringing the temperature down into the teens. We will just have to see what happens. The trucks are all ready to go and there is plenty of salt in the shed. This week, we had 1,000 tons delivered, so the barn is pretty full.

The Brush Crew is still out running routes and trimming back brush in the right of way. They also cleaned up a few trees last week after our area saw some high winds. Perry and helpers have been working on green signs in Ballville Twp. They have been replacing old signs with the new high

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intensity materials. This is the last township to be completed.

Tim continues to level spoils on Bark Creek for Ditch Maintenance. Some of our guys hauled dirt from this job to the yard. It is some pretty clean dirt that we will be able to use on some future jobs. We are going to try to get a little more if conditions allow. Some ditch cleaning has been completed on CR 13 and also on CR 11 with the mini excavator. Today, they are working on cleaning up a log jam on the TR 55 Bridge, at CR 90. Then they will be moving down the road, on CR 90, to start another ditch cleaning.

Miscellaneous Work

- Night shift started this week.
- Guardrail repair on TR 74 Bridge.
- Pot holes filled as needed.
- Helped Rice Twp. with a new guardrail on TR 170.
- Giving the conference room and server room a face lift, with new drywall and paint.



~ January Anniversaries ~

<i>Lee Klohn</i>	<i>January 1st</i>	<i>3 yrs</i>
<i>Cody Amor</i>	<i>January 3rd</i>	<i>15yrs</i>
<i>Remington Smith</i>	<i>January 3rd</i>	<i>3yrs</i>
<i>Elizabeth Ball</i>	<i>January 4th</i>	<i>4yrs</i>
<i>Steve Pfeiffer</i>	<i>January 10th</i>	<i>15yrs</i>
<i>Mark Auxter</i>	<i>January 22nd</i>	<i>41yrs</i>
<i>Chad Fisher</i>	<i>January 25th</i>	<i>21yrs</i>

~ January Birthdays ~

<i>Jimmy Sanford</i>	<i>January 7th</i>
<i>Tony Miller</i>	<i>January 14th</i>
<i>Lee Klohn</i>	<i>January 18th</i>
<i>Remington Smith</i>	<i>January 18th</i>
<i>James Seibert</i>	<i>January 22nd</i>
<i>Eric Wheatley</i>	<i>January 30th</i>
<i>Tara Shanahan</i>	<i>January 30th</i>