

# ROAD REPORT

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## FROM THE DEPUTY ENGINEER

We have been really busy the last couple of weeks with all of our projects going on. To give you an update since the last Road Report.

WA 82-0.59 has been completed and paved. CR 82 was paved and completed on Wednesday. The only things left on CR 82 are berming and pavement markings. Berming is scheduled for Monday. Cherry Street Bridge was waterproofed and paved. This completes our paving contract for 2012. The East State Street turn lane has been excavated and paved. The West approach of Tindall Bridge has been excavated and removed, crews have been prepping the stringers and abutment seat for concrete next week.

In the design world we've been preparing plans for the surface repairs of State Street, bid opening is scheduled for August 16<sup>th</sup>. We are also working on a culvert replacement on TR 265. Plans for CR 177 culvert replacement and ditch relocation are completed; we are now working on finalizing easements to move the ditch back away from the road. This project will also require the relocation of Toledo Edison power lines. They are scheduled to be completed with their work by the end of next week. We will be signing a contract agreement with Greenman-Pedersen, Inc. which will be our consultant inspector for the Tindall Bridge Painting project. That project will start in mid-August.

## FROM THE ROAD SUPERINTENDENT

### WA.82-0.59 BRIDGE

Another big project complete. The bridge was closed on May 14<sup>th</sup> and was reopened on July 16<sup>th</sup>. A big thank you to everyone involved for their hard work.

### TINDALL BRIDGE REPAIRS

The past few weeks we have been working on repairs to Tindall Bridge. Tim B., Chad, and Matt jacked up the stringers on the west end of the bridge. From there they cut off the tubular steel that was on the deck and then they hammered out the concrete

back wall and the I beam the stringers rested on. Now they are working on forming up a new seat and back wall. If things go well we should be able to have a pour on Monday. Way to hang in there on those hot days.

### CULVERTS

The culvert crew has been busy preparing for next year's paving. They have been replacing culverts on CR 39 where needed. Things have been moving right along. Today they are doing some cleanup and spot paving on those culverts. Good job everyone!!

### EAST STATE STREET TURN LANE

Another project to scratch off the list. If you haven't been down East State St. this week, this would be the center median between Timpe Rd. and the entrance to the Country Club. The crew started off by removing two catch basins that were formed into the curbing and installing one 3x3 precast basin. Nice job guys dealing with the cluster of pipes and gas line to get that new basin set. From there they continued to dig out the curbing and grass area. Stone was then hauled in to bring it back up to grade for asphalt. Today M&B will be getting this area paved and hopefully we can have it opened by the end of the day. This should be a nice improvement for traffic turning in and out of Timpe Rd. and the Country Club. Great Job Everyone!!

### IN THE SHOP

Busy, busy, busy is what they are telling me. Mower services and repairs continue in preparation for the next round of mowing. Jeff is finishing up the steering gear box in 987 plus he had changed out some tires on the Mack. They have been working on services for us and the Sanitary Department. Another project they have been working on is some metal fabrications for Tindall Bridge.

### SIGN SHOP

Perry is staying busy in the sign shop. He has picked up the barricades from the Cherry St. bridge project and moved them over to Tindall Bridge to close that for repairs. He also set up the warning signs and the work zone for the East State St. project. The sign grant was finalized and sent in. Green signs are being made and replaced as needed. Keep up the good work.

## ROAD MAINTENANCE

- Cherry St. bridge was waterproofed and paved.
- Log jams cleaned out on 239 and 198.
- Dirt was leveled at dump site on Twp. 59.
- Dirt spoils are being leveled at Fairgrounds.
- Tree on Finefrock was cleaned up.
- Pot holes filled when needed.
- Mailbox and driveway approaches were cut down on Cr. 82 for paving.
- Offices were cleaned.

Dirt was hauled from 560 to Fairgrounds for the horse arenas.

## IMPORTANT OPERS INFORMATION

Dear OPERS Stakeholders,

One of the OPERS Board of Trustees' most vital commitments is to communicate changes to our membership well in advance of them, so that members have time to plan accordingly. For almost three years, we have been communicating the proposed pension plan changes to members and your organization has played an important role to share the information with your membership.

We are requesting your help once again. The OPERS Board is considering changes to health care coverage for current and future retirees. This summer, OPERS staff members have embarked on an aggressive education and communication outreach plan across the state with Town Hall meetings, webinars, presentations before interested groups, teletown hall calls, and counseling sessions with individual members. As we have done in the past when considering proposed changes to health care, the goal of the extensive outreach is to provide the Board with feedback from the membership before the fall, so that the Board can finalize the health care changes before the end of the year.

Here is what we are requesting that you will do:

1. We have included a link below to our special health care and pension changes section on the OPERS website-and we are asking that you consider adding this link on your website, sharing it on your Facebook page, and emailing it directly to your members. It contains a link to the PowerPoint presentation that is being given at the Town Hall meetings, with a

voiceover of our combined pension and health care proposed changes.

<https://www.opers.org/seminars/townhallandsurvey.shtml>

2. It also has a link to our **Health Care Survey**, that we are asking members to fill out by the end of August 2012. We will be tabulating the survey responses and sharing them with the Board this fall as they make final decisions on health care changes for the future. The survey is an important way for members to give the Board the necessary feedback it needs. **Please encourage your members to take the survey as soon as possible.** You will note that the survey is available for members in two ways, those members who attended, viewed the webinar presentation or read the newsletter, and those that have not. On the website, the following information takes the members to the surveys that are appropriate for them:

If you have learned about the proposed changes to retiree health care coverage by attending a town hall meeting (in-person), attending a town hall webinar or by reading your OPERS newsletter, please take this survey:

<http://www.zoomerang.com/Survey/WEB22FSF4LMLJN/>

If you have NOT had the opportunity to learn about the proposed changes to retiree health care coverage, please take this survey:

<http://www.zoomerang.com/Survey/WEB22G8NRGBT52/>

3. For your members that do not have email addresses, or access to the Internet, we can provide printed copies of the **Health Care Survey** that you can distribute to your members as your organization mails materials out to them this month and in August. If you can let us know how many copies of the survey you need, we can get them to you as soon as possible. Please let Dawn Gallen know as soon as possible. Dawn can be reached at 614-225-3217 or [dgallen@opers.org](mailto:dgallen@opers.org). The surveys should be returned to OPERS as soon as possible.
4. Please encourage your members to attend one of the upcoming Town Hall meetings. Members may sign up and register for a meeting by

clicking on the link  
here: <https://www.opers.org/members/seminars/active-index.shtml>

The partnership you have with us is as strong as it has ever been. Our goal is to ensure that every member is receiving information on health care and plan design changes this summer from OPERS, so your help in communicating the website materials and the health care survey far and wide would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you and please don't hesitate to contact us if you need any additional information.

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