

ROAD REPORT

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FROM THE ENGINEER

It would appear our long battle with the Turnpike is finally over!! The Governor signed the Transportation budget on March 30th, which included an amendment creating Section 5537.051 of the Ohio Revised Code. This new section of law makes the Turnpike responsible for repairing failed grade separations in Sandusky County of which eleven (11) have been identified. The County and Townships will be responsible for only routine maintenance. It's hard to believe this is finally over, in fact I believe I'll wait until I see construction equipment on site before I totally believe it. TR 226 is to be done this year and all the others are to be completed over the next three (3) years. There are still a few details to work out, namely a "Letter of Understanding" which I have been told is a common practice when a new law is enacted. Its purpose is to summarize what both parties believe the law says and mutually agree how it will actually be implemented. We have also received the plans for TR 226 for our approval. This project is scheduled to be bid yet this month and be completed in August. Thanks to everyone in the Department that has contributed to this effort, especially Kim Foreman, Jenna Sommers, Mark Swartz and Rich Randolph. It was truly a group effort—let's hope it is finally over!!

All the demolition work has been completed in Building 7. Soon we will be getting quotes on pouring a new floor in the southwest corner. We are also getting closer to two new FWD pickups and a tar kettle. It won't be too long before we are ready to bid a bunch of other projects including paving, truck equipment, culvert replacements, parking lots and salt.

Congratulations to newlyweds John and Jenna Sommers!!! Good luck and may you have many, many years of happiness!!!!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Tom Morrison
Chad Fisher
Carlos Baez

April 9th
April 11th
April 15th

FROM THE ROAD SUPERINTENDENT

The rain doesn't seem like it will ever quit, but I would rather take rain and warmer weather over the snow and freezing temps! Today a few of the guys unhooked the plows and oiled them down along with cleaning building #9. I sure hope we can leave them off for the rest of the year! Without the cold weather, snow, and frozen ground we were able to get a lot of things done these last 2 weeks we haven't been able to! It's a good sign that summer is just around the corner!

- A few crews have been out working on plow damage before the grass starts to grow
- Garbage pickup has been started the mowers will be out before we know it
- Ed has been out filling pot holes from our hard winter
- The old sign shop is just about gone
- Midnight shift switched back to days
- Brush crew finished up CR 65 and is wrapped up for the winter
- Snow fence was all taken down
- Culvert inspections were started
- Most of the X's for the surveying crew have been painted just a few more to do before the fly over
- Tiles were repaired on CR 57
- Mark cleaned a ditch on CR 11 and his crew also replaced a culvert on Twp. Rd. 4
- The headwall was removed on CR 58 and guardrail was put up
- Repaired ditch on CR 247