

ROAD REPORT

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FROM THE ENGINEER

Yesterday, Carlos, Tara and I attended the Ohio Public Works Commission District 5 Executive Committee meeting in Perrysburg. The purpose of the meeting was to give final approval to the Round 32 projects. There were questions about how some of the projects were rated that had to be resolved first. One of the projects we put together on behalf of several of our Townships. We were able to get this project a higher rating by increasing the stone berm width to 4'. After careful scrutiny and considerable discussion, the Committee approved. The rating and the project will be funded. Our CR 229 and CR 260 Improvement project ended up just below the cutoff line, but I suspect it will be funded as other projects are completed and money is returned to the District. Our CR 119 and CR 166 Improvement project just made the cut.

On Tuesday, we will be bidding the projects for CR 119 and CR 166 along with Napoleon Road and CR 90, and CR 30. This will be just in time to plug actual prices into the 2018 budget.

Last Friday, we met with people from Ottawa County to go over the Wolf Creek plans. Elizabeth has these in good shape so the meeting went smoothly. Hopefully, we will be able to bid that project this winter. It is about 14 miles long and will take about a year to complete.

Next Thursday morning, we will be hosting a meeting for area businesses about improvements to the west end of the Bypass. ODOT has agreed to build a connector road from West State Street to southbound SR 53. This should greatly improve the safety of this area. The problem is, it probably won't be done until 2019.

We have agreed to the City of Fremont applying for grant money to improve the lighting on the State Street Bridge and Miles Newton Bridge. Since these are our bridges, they needed our approval which we were happy to do.

Last week, Jenna and I attended a "Nutrient Bus Tour" about the Lake Erie algae. There is a lot of study and research going into this topic without many practical solutions. I am hoping that establishing filter strips along petitioned ditches will help in at least a small way.

**Have a Happy Thanksgiving
and
GO BUCKS!!!!!!**

FROM THE ROAD SUPERINTENDENT

This past weekend, our area received a significant amount of rain. Crews were busy over the weekend putting up "High Water" signs and closing roads where needed. The water seemed to have receded just about as fast as it came up. All of our roads were reopened by Tuesday afternoon. Some minor washouts along some of these flooded areas were bermed as needed.

We finally set aside a day, last week, to meet and go over our plow trucks. A few minor repairs were needed, but overall the equipment is ready for the snow season.

ROAD MAINTENANCE

- A section of guardrail on CR 117 was reset.
- Broken guardrail posts were replaced on Smith Rd.
- The first round of leaves were cleaned up in the yard.
- The brush crew is out trimming back brush and limbs.
- Snow fence is starting to go up today.

**I hope everyone has a Safe and Happy
Thanksgiving.**

FROM THE OFFICE MANAGER

OPEN ENROLLMENT

FLEXIBLE SPENDING - Enroll now for 2018 and pay less into Federal, State, City, School, and Medicare Tax. The Deadline is Dec. 8th. If you are interested in enrolling and would like more information, please let me know.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY! (Years of Employment)

Carlos Baez December 6th 7 Years

Tim Below December 6th 18 Years