



CITY OF LANCASTER
PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes, April 12, 2019
Public Transit Conference Room
746 Lawrence Street, Lancaster, OH 43130

Present: Corey Schoonover, Chair; Melody Bobbitt
Paul Martin, Tim Dietz, Greg Hintz, Mitch Noland, Curt Shonk, Carrie Woody

Welcome: Chair Corey Schoonover called the meeting to order at 7:30 a.m.

Public Transit

- Bus shelter – waiting to receive third quote for sidewalks. Once we have that, we will find out if the project has to go out to bid or if we can complete it in two phases with just obtaining the quotes. Hoping for installation this spring.
- Contractor RFP – RFP packet has been reviewed by our Law Director and is now awaiting approval from ODOT so we can release.
- Building Rehab IFB – advertisement will be released next week. Hoping to have project complete by end of July
- We are looking to extend the hours of the four existing loops (Memorial, West, East, and Sheridan) until 10pm Monday-Friday. Currently waiting on Ride Right to hire/train drivers so that we can add this service.

Cemetery

- Software – have a meeting today – “go live” is planned in two weeks.
- Memorial Garden – Haldeman Fete and Dyer offered to purchase a \$5,000 brass plaque to have at the garden. Hoping to have garden completed and open this summer.
- Mowing contracts – had to rebid Forest Rose for one year because we lost a contractor which caused the price to increase \$16,000. We may need to request additional appropriation toward the end of the season since this was such a huge price increase. We will rebid all the cemeteries together next year to try and get the cost back down.

Engineering

- 2019 paving – awarded to Spires Paving. Bid was low enough that we can do all planned streets plus alternates: streets will include Cedar Hill, Dewey, Busby, Cherokee, Wyandot, Shoshone.... Will get a schedule at the pre-construction meeting in the next few weeks.
- Anchor Ave. - West is the first part of the MAGNA project which advertises today, and opens in three weeks. It does not include the turn lanes, box culvert, water lines, sanitary, and more that are under currently in design by 2LMN and bid later by engineering. We are moving as fast as we can, there are just a lot of pieces to consider, so we must make sure we are getting everything covered.
- Fair Ave project has been delayed due to Anchor project. Will try to get as soon as we are able.
- SR188/Main to Memorial intersection –Shelly has been working on Cedar Hill Rd. sidewalks/curb and ramping with new rapid flasher beacon at new Meals on Wheels site.
- S. Columbus Street bridge – still obtaining quotes to get the bridge repaired. As soon as we get the quotes, LDOT will have legislation to appropriate the funds to get it fixed. Ety Rd – State one plans were submitted to ODOT. There will be some challenges with right of way and drainage but will work through with ODOT. Not sure this will be complete before new school opens, so this area will be a hard to control traffic over the next year.
- SR 37 will be closed for 21 days beginning Monday for State project.



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LDOT

- Gas Tax increase – estimate at this point will give us \$800,000-\$820,000 increase for City of Lancaster, so you will see a noticeable increase in LDOT budget for 2020. We will be requesting to hire employees to be able to do more with our operations as well as a bridge repair fund and a separate “capital” account for additional maintenance or \$3mil levy as needed. As I get additional information on the increase I will keep you updated.
- HB48 – for when “rainy day” fund is full, local municipalities would be eligible to receive the excess funds.
- Traffic Control System – went on line 3/20/19. 40 out of 80 cabinets on new system. There may be some disruption in traffic flows as we try to get all the signals on the new system and working together.
- Columbus and East Fair intersection – barricades due to destruction to the cabinet. Have equipment on order to repair and rebuild, but not sure if we will get reimbursed for the cost to repair.
- Pioneer Alley – first alley west of Pierce Ave running Mulberry to Cedar Hill (Stormwater project). We will need to replace pipe across Cedar Hill Rd. prior to Shelly Construction. We are currently working on quotes and traffic control for a two-day closure. This will require “no parking” on Sherman Ave. and detours. Hoping to be done by mid-May.
- Stormwater – been working with Hydrocontrols to pilot at Main/Mulberry/George “input check valves” on the water lines to help stop the influx of water from the stream and hopefully try and prevent some of the flooding and issues we’ve had. Estimated cost will be \$41,000.00 covered by Stormwater.
- 2019 Micro surfacing – will get started first of August – should only take a few days at Tiki and Sheridan. Have also contracted with outside company to come in and take care of crack sealing since we don’t have the time.
- 2019 Alleys – alleys are holding up well. Will have a small amount of asphalt/chipping to do but are going to focus on the brick alleys to level and chip seal those. Since the alleys won’t require as much work as anticipated, we may be able to chip seal some streets. The alley behind Forest Rose near Edgewood/Columbus St. will be looked at to check storm water drain being too low.
- Pothole update –
- Sidewalks – discussed options to create funding to replace sidewalks. As of now, there are no good answers. CDBG currently has a sidewalk program for low-moderate income for citizens to apply for, but currently the City doesn’t have the resources to create a program and based on City Ordinance and Ohio Revised Code, we currently don’t have the authorization to replace any sidewalk on private property.

Open Discussion/Questions

- none

Adjourn: Motion by Melody Bobbitt to adjourn, second by Corey Schoonover. Meeting adjourned at 8:38 a.m.