

MAYOR'S MESSAGE

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“Road Construction Update”

Road construction season has arrived. Projects we have talked about, sought funding for and planned for years are now about to get underway. Two major projects this year are the Monroe Street/Silica Drive intersection and the Monroe Street/Harroun Road intersection. Both will affect traffic flow during construction and both are starting in the next two months. Here is what you need to know.

Monroe Street/Silica Drive Intersection Improvement is designed to allow better traffic flow when completed, particularly during morning rush hour on school days. Traffic currently backs up waiting to get through the intersection. To improve the traffic flow, an additional eastbound lane is being added through the intersection all the way to Main Street.

The construction of this intersection improvement starts Monday, March 27th and will be completed in November. Between March 27th and July, one lane of westbound traffic will be maintained on Monroe Street, but eastbound will be closed. Beginning in August, eastbound traffic on Monroe Street will be reopened and westbound will be closed.

Both Erie Street and Maplewood Avenue will be open to detour around the construction area. However, the best way to avoid the traffic problem may be to avoid the construction area altogether.

In conjunction with the intersection improvement, the Silica Drive Bridge over Ten-Mile Creek is being replaced. The current bridge was constructed in the 1930's as a Works Progress Administration (WPA) project and is due for replacement. The new bridge will also offer a better pedestrian walkway with an overlook and seating area midway across Ten-Mile Creek.

The Silica Drive Bridge will be closed approximately 120 days beginning March 27th and reopening before school starts in August. The Sylvania Service Department and the Sylvania Police Division have worked with the Sylvania Schools to develop school arrival and dismissal plans for Northview High School traffic during the bridge replacement.

For more details about these improvement projects and the recommended detours, a virtual presentation is available online at www.cityofsylvania.com/government/engineering/luc-monroe-silica-intersection-improvements-project/.

Monroe Street/Harroun Road Intersection Improvement is scheduled to begin in May and will be completed by November. The State of Ohio initiated this project to improve traffic safety and reduce accidents at this intersection. Monroe Street is being widened on the north side to accommodate additional storage length for the westbound left turns to Harroun Road. Also, both traffic signals at Harroun Road and Kroger drive are being fully replaced. Traffic will be maintained in all directions during construction, but motorists may experience delays when lane restrictions are in place.

Thank you for your patience and cooperation during these two major Monroe Street intersection improvement projects. The majority of the costs for these improvements are being paid for with federal and state grant funds. When they are completed, traffic flow will be smoother, safer and more efficient. During construction, I recommend you avoid the project areas when possible, and plan for the extra time and the detours needed when traveling through or near the construction areas.