

MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Craig A. Stough – 6/15/2023

“Road Construction Update”

Road construction is in full swing in and around Sylvania. Projects we have talked about, sought funding for and planned for years are underway. As a result of the dry weather, construction progress has been good. Here is an update about projects in the City of Sylvania.

Monroe Street/Silica Drive Intersection Improvement started Monday, March 27th and will be completed in November. Between now and mid-August, one lane of westbound traffic will continue to be maintained on Monroe Street, but eastbound will remain closed. Also, beginning June 19th for two weeks, both lanes will be closed at night from 9pm to 7am for underground utility installation.

In mid-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, but the best way to avoid the traffic problem may be to avoid the construction area whenever possible.

The improvements are designed to allow better traffic flow when completed, particularly during morning rush hour on school days. To improve the traffic flow, an additional eastbound lane is being added through the intersection all the way to Main Street. The railroad crossing will also be upgraded.

In conjunction with the intersection improvement, the Silica Drive Bridge over Ten-Mile Creek is being replaced. The old bridge was constructed in the 1930's as a Works Progress Administration (WPA) project. The new bridge will also offer a wider and better pedestrian walkway with an overlook and seating area midway across Ten-Mile Creek. The old bridge has been removed and the new bridge construction is going well, with completion expected by early August.

Monroe Street/Harroun Road Intersection Improvement recently started and will be completed by November. The State of Ohio initiated this project to improve traffic safety and reduce accidents at this busy intersection. Monroe Street is being widened on the north side to accommodate additional storage length for the westbound left turns onto Harroun Road. Also, traffic signals at both 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. Beginning June 9th, the westbound curb lane of Monroe Street will be closed.

Brint Road is being milled and resurfaced in a joint project with the Lucas County Engineer. The City portion of the project extends from Silica Road east to the railroad tracks. Work is scheduled to begin June 19th with completion by June 30th. Traffic will be maintained, with lanes temporarily closed by the contractor as needed during construction.

Thank you for your patience and cooperation during these main road 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.

Silica Bridge Construction – June 13, 2023

