

## Press Release for ALL-Spencerville Road Sidewalks (PID 110277)

The City of Lima, in cooperation with the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) and the Lima-Allen County Regional Planning Commission (LACRPC), is proposing to improve pedestrian facilities in the City of Lima by constructing approximately 1.9 miles of 5' wide sidewalk at the following locations:

- Cable Court, from South Cable Road to Spencerville Road
- Shawnee Road, from South Cable Road to Spencerville Road
- Spencerville Road, from Cable Court to North Shore Drive
- North Shore Drive, from Spencerville Road to South Pierce Street

From South Cable Road to Park Drive (within Faurot Park), the proposed sidewalk will be located along the north side of Cable Court, Shawnee Road, Spencerville Road, and North Shore Drive. From Park Drive to South Pierce Street, the proposed sidewalk will be located on the south side of North Shore Drive. Improvements also include adding Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant ramps with curbs, replacing driveway aprons as needed, and adding striping and signage throughout the corridor.

The project will connect surrounding residential areas to businesses, parks, schools, churches, and community centers, including Faurot Park, the Bradfield Community Center and the YMCA. Construction is scheduled to begin in September 2022 and will take approximately 10 months to complete.

No right-of-way acquisition will be necessary, as the proposed project will be constructed entirely on City of Lima property or within City of Lima right-of-way. No traffic detours will be required. Access to local roads, driveways, and bike paths will be maintained during construction, with the exception of necessary brief closures as sidewalk and driveway apron work is performed. Bus service will be maintained throughout the corridor during construction.

A portion of the proposed project is located within a regulated floodplain (Ottawa River). Impacts to this floodplain are anticipated to be minor and will not result in a rise in localized flood levels. A Statement of Findings summarizing the results of the floodplain analysis will be made available for review on ODOT's website: <http://www.dot.state.oh.us/districts/D01/PlanningPrograms/Pages/Environmental.aspx>.

Sidewalk will be constructed within Faurot Park along Spencerville Road and North Shore Drive. No park amenities will be altered or removed. No temporary or permanent adverse impacts or interference with the recreational features of the park are anticipated. Sidewalk construction will be performed in a manner that maintains access to roads, parking lots, and bike paths within Faurot Park. Access from Faurot Park to the Ottawa River Trail will be maintained during construction. Event parking in the lawn area along Spencerville Road and North Shore Drive within Faurot Park will be maintained during construction.

The City of Lima welcomes any questions or comments regarding this project. To provide comments about this project, please contact Kirk Niemeyer, City Engineer, by February 5, 2021.

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