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Central Avenue Base Repairs Under Way

DELAWARE – The City of Delaware is making sub-surface repairs on Central Avenue, Monday through Thursday from 6 am to 4 pm. Work will run through August from the Point to Troy Road.

Two-way traffic will be maintained through the work zones with flagging operations. It is anticipated that crews will be out of the way each day before afternoon peak traffic at 4 pm. Crews will not be working on Central Avenue on Friday, typically the heaviest traffic day of the week.

The repairs are in advance of ODOT’s plan to replace Central Avenue’s top surface, from Troy Road to The Point, in 2020.

The condition of East Central Avenue is very poor, between Lake Street and The Point, and unfortunately is beginning to show similar signs of deterioration west of Sandusky Street through Troy Road. Central lacks proper sub-surface drainage necessary to maintain the base in good condition; it has deteriorated to the point that patching the many dips and holes yields, at best, temporary results.

“In short, the pavement is no longer sustainable under given conditions and has to be reconstructed,” Director of Engineering Bill Ferrigno said.

There are grant sources for which the City will be applying, all requiring a local matching financial contribution. The city's contribution alone may well exceed \$1 million.

In the meantime, City crews will continue to maintain the pavement as best as it can on an interim basis until Delaware can advance the full reconstruction of Central Avenue.

“As frustrating as this may be for motorists, leaving dips and holes in the pavement is just not a responsible approach to addressing the current situation,” Ferrigno said.

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