

Street Maintenance Program

June 2019

Project Background

The City's Public Works crews will be performing street maintenance activity throughout the community this year including filling potholes, completing spot repairs (patching) to deteriorated sections of asphalt, and the application of crack sealant to pavement surfaces. The Street Maintenance crew began patching operations in early May and will continue through the end of October. More significant patching is required along Central Avenue in advance of the planned 2020 ODOT Central Avenue resurfacing project extending from Troy Road to the Point intersection. Similar patching efforts are required along West William Street as well.

The City recognizes that Central Avenue must be reconstructed, and that continued asphalt patching operations appears as a "Band-Aid" approach to some. The City further recognizes that the resurfacing work by ODOT will provide only a limited improvement as the condition of the underlying pavement continues to deteriorate. Nevertheless, the ability to advance a full-scale reconstruction project is not guaranteed over the short term without a significant source of federal and state grant funding becoming available. Therefore the City is committed to working with ODOT in the planned repaving of Central Ave. to achieve at a minimum, short-term relief to the poor pavement condition. This approach was supported by a majority of respondents to a recent poll regarding this specific issue.

Crews are also working on applying asphalt crack sealant to streets throughout the community. The crack sealant helps reduce water from infiltrating the pavement where it can weaken the road base making it more susceptible to damage from traffic, specifically heavy truck loadings. A de-tack agent is sprayed on fresh crack sealant making it safe to drive over after application without it sticking to vehicle tires.



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