

# ZIONSVILLE STREET DEPARTMENT

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## STREET DEPARTMENT REPORT ZIONSVILLE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING AUGUST 3, 2009

### 1. 106<sup>TH</sup> ST. REALIGNMENT AND RECONSTRUCTION

Work on this project continues on schedule. The south half of the new roadway through Andrade Industrial Park is nearly complete. Once fully completed, traffic will be switched to the newly constructed portion and work will commence on the north half of the roadway through this area.

### 2. STARKEY PATHWAY

The guardrail and fencing has been installed and this project is complete.

### 3. DOWNTOWN STREETScape PROJECT

Work continues on the installation of the concrete portions of the project. It is expected that the concrete work consisting of sidewalks, curbs and ramps along Hawthorne Street will be complete by the end of this week. Upon completion of that area, the contractor will move to Cedar Street to begin concrete work in that location.

During the excavation of Cedar Street poor sub-soil conditions were encountered. Accordingly, an additional foot of depth was excavated and geotextile grid reinforcement was added. The additional excavation and requisite stone backfill will result in a significant additional cost to the project. It is expected that this additional cost will be covered with the contingency funds already allocated to the project.

Utility work by Vectren Energy and Veolia Water has complicated this project. As reported last month, Vectren has chosen to replace several old steel gas mains in the downtown area, mainly along Elm St. and certain alleys. Veolia Water discovered an unknown water main that it has elected to replace in order to better serve the residences and businesses in the area. It became apparent to the water company that up to six homes and businesses were being inadequately served by a single one inch water main, resulting in sub-standard water pressure and delivery. Upon completion of the utility upgrades, service for both should radically improve, as well as create a much safer natural gas distribution system. Although not a part of the Downtown Streetscape project, the utility work and requisite coordination of matters beyond the control of the Town has proven quite challenging.

### 4. SR 334 PATHWAY DESIGN

A public meeting to gather input for this project was held last week. Nearly 80 area residents attended and the project concept was presented. Comments from the public were taken, and will be compiled and presented to the Town Council as well as the Pathway Committee. No significant issues were raised, and design will commence this month taking into consideration appropriate public comment.

**5. TURKEY FOOT PATHWAY DESIGN**

A public meeting to gather input for this project was held last week. Approximately 25 area residents attended and the project concept was presented. Most of the attendees were residents along Turkeyfoot Avenue, and opposition to the pathway as presented along the west side of Turkeyfoot was nearly unanimous. Comments from the public were taken, and will be compiled and presented to the Town Council as well as the Pathway Committee. Based upon comments received, staff and the design engineers will perform an evaluation and comparison between the project as presented along the west side of Turkeyfoot Avenue, and an alternate alignment along the east side of Turkeyfoot Avenue. This comparison and analysis will be presented to the Town Council for input and direction before design commences.

**6. ANNUAL STREET REPAIR PROGRAM**

The 2009 street repair program will commence this week as the contractor begins work on portions of 6<sup>th</sup> St. and Ash St. It is expected that this work will be completed before the start of school. Information on the significant portions of this year's project has been posted on the Town's web site.

Beginning this week, Street Department staff will commence crack-sealing in area subdivisions. This work will continue throughout the month.

**7. SHELL SITE PARKING LOT**

Design is nearly complete for this project, and has been presented to the Town Council. The design currently provides for 35 parking spaces, and reserves room for a bike rack and potential Christmas tree location. The project includes some landscaping, but reserves areas for local initiatives and planting projects in the future by local groups and clubs. This was contemplated to keep costs down and provides opportunities for local participation. The design will be presented to the Zionsville Merchants Association by town staff at their monthly meeting this Wednesday, August 5<sup>th</sup>.