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RE: LOR-OBERLIN-ELYRIA RD CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENTS

The City of Elyria plans to make corridor improvements along Oberlin-Elyria Road from Middle Ave south to the corporation limits (CSX Railroad). Improvements are designed to promote alternative means of travel such as riding bicycles or walking. The project will convert the existing four lane road to three lanes with bike lanes. The proposed improvement will provide a single lane of traffic in each direction with a center Two Way Left Turn Lane (TWLTL) between and bike lanes along the outside curb lanes.

As a part of the design process, the City performed a traffic signal warrant analysis for the West Ave/S. Maple St intersection(s). The report concluded that the traffic signal is not warranted. Therefore, the City proposes to remove the traffic signal and install a stop condition for both side streets, allowing the traffic on Oberlin-Elyria Rd. the unimpeded right of way. To maintain pedestrian traffic across Oberlin-Elyria Rd., at the intersection, the City will install a new crosswalk with RRFBs (Rapid Rectangular Flashing Beacons). For those who do not know what a RRFB is, they are crosswalk signs with flashing lights below the sign, that are activated by the pedestrian pushing the button on the pole. The City has utilized a number of them within the downtown area. West Ave will be restriped from Oberlin-Elyria Rd. to 16th St. with a single lane in each direction and parking on both sides of the street.

All work along this corridor is anticipated to be completed within the existing Right-of-Way so no private property will be needed.

Additionally, as part of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), we are seeking comments from the public about the social, environmental, and economic impacts of the proposed project. Environmental impacts include those associated with historical, archaeological, and ecological resources, hazardous materials, and general concerns you may have with the project. Written comments concerning the proposed project may be mailed to John Schneider, P.E., City Engineer, 131 Court Street, Elyria, Ohio 44035. He can also be contacted by telephone at (440) 326-1444 or by email at jschneider@cityofelyria.org. Any comments must be received by January 1, 2025.

We sincerely appreciate your cooperation and assistance with this project.

Respectfully,

John Schneider

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City Engineer



TRAFFIC SIGNAL WILL BE REMOVED AND NEW STOP SIGNS INSTALLED ON SIDE STREETS WITH RRFB PEDESTRIAN CROSSING INSTALLED ACROSS OBERLIN-ELYRIA RD.

