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Cleveland Road West Resurfacing Update

While it may not appear so today, the city is closing in on final completion of the 2011 Cleveland Road West resurfacing and cove II bridge replacement project. In working to complete the project the city recognizes the inconvenience the work has caused the community and greatly appreciates your patience with the inconvenience the lengthy road closure has caused. However, the project is on track to reconnect the east and west sides of cove II by the end of this month with the completion of the new bridge which will be accessible to all traffic.

The project cost totals \$1,285,332.83 to date and includes four (4) change orders. Of this total, almost 80% of the project has been provided through federal and state grant awards. This is a great benefit to the city's budgetary resources but also comes with certain restrictions. The additional work and grant compliance requirements have impacted the project timeline. The following items have impacted the road:

1. Project could not begin between April 15, 2011 and June 15, 2011 due to environmental habitat disruption of cove II wetlands.
2. February 2011 Water Main break and Repair effort impacted Cleveland Road. The original project set the western boundary for the project at the intersection of Cleveland Road West and Lake Erie Blvd. The water main maintenance effort required the expansion of this project from Lake Erie Blvd. to the intersection of Rye Beach and Cleveland Road. This change requires approval from state and federal agencies.
3. In anticipation of the road project, the Water Department proactively replaced 92 water valves underneath Cleveland Road as an upgrade to the distribution system. It made no sense to wait until the new road bed was laid to complete this work and it was completed prior to the road work. As expected the valve work impacted the road project and required additional materials. The approval of this change requires approval from state and federal agencies.
4. The original project had a minimum amount of asphalt course, less than state specifications actually call for, and a reliance upon geo-fabric materials to strengthen the minimum amounts of asphalt quantities. The fabric is costly and not a reimbursable grant item. The cost exceeded \$200,000.00 and was a 100% local cost. After discussion, the city determined to eliminate the fabric item and requested an additional quantity of asphalt that would accommodate the state's specifications. The total cost for the additional material is \$114,000.00, 50% of which is reimbursable. This change eliminated over \$150,000.00 of local costs and establishes a superior road. The approval of this change requires approval from state and federal agencies.
5. Necessary infrastructure improvements were encountered during the removal of the old bridge; they were undetectable until the work began and added time to the duration of the project.
6. Inclement weather has contributed to the loss of productivity.

Overall, these issues have added five to seven days to the project but the bridge is expected to be open for traffic by the end of September. Thank you again for your consideration and patience.

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