

NEWS RELEASE

TRUMBULL COUNTY ENGINEER

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UPCOMING PROJECT INFORMATION TRUMBULL COUNTY ENGINEER PROPOSES SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENTS ALONG STATE ROUTE 5/MAIN STREET IN KINSMAN TOWNSHIP

PID: 112607

The Trumbull County Engineer, in cooperation with Kinsman Township and the Ohio Department of Transportation, proposes to remove and replace sections of existing deteriorated 4-foot wide concrete and sandstone sidewalk along the east side of State Route (SR) 5/Main Street from Kinsman Square north to Lakeview Drive. This work will be completed in front of previously identified Ohio Historical Inventory (OHI) properties and in front of the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) listed Kinsman United Methodist Church, located at 8362 Main Street. The sections of sandstone sidewalk to be removed will become property of Kinsman Township and will be available for future use.

Additional improvements proposed by the project include new concrete sidewalk to eliminate existing sections without sidewalk, new curb ramp installations to meet Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards, catch basin adjustments, drainage improvements and new crosswalk/stop line applications. No new permanent and/or temporary right-of-way is needed to construct the project.

This proposed sidewalk project is tentatively scheduled to begin construction in the Summer of 2022. During project construction, a minimum of one lane of traffic shall be maintained in each direction at all times utilizing flaggers. Road closures and detours are not proposed to construct the project. Access shall be maintained to all adjacent properties, businesses and intersecting side streets for the duration of the project.

To ensure the decision-making process is comprehensive, the Trumbull County Engineer is seeking comments from the public about the social, environmental, and economic impacts of this proposed project. Environmental impacts include those involving archeological, architectural, and ecological resources, hazardous/regulated materials and the general location of the project. In compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended (codified as 36 CFR 800), the Trumbull County Engineer also requests new information regarding the presence of any known cultural resources in the vicinity of the

project. Cultural Resources include prehistoric and historic archaeological sites, historic bridges, historic buildings, sites and districts.

Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 requires Federal agencies (and in this case the ODOT) to consider the effects of their actions on historic properties. The Section 106 process seeks to incorporate historic values into project planning through consultation among agencies, and other parties, with an interest in the effects of the undertaking on historic properties. Individuals or organizations with a demonstrated interest in the effects of an undertaking on historic properties, including the Kinsman United Methodist Church, can become a Section 106 consulting party. The various consulting parties work together to discuss options, provide multiple viewpoints, and strive to seek common agreement on the incorporation of historic preservation values into the project.

If you're interested in becoming a Section 106 consulting party or you have general questions/comments concerning the proposed project, please contact Gary Shaffer, P.E., Deputy Engineer, by April 12, 2022 at the Trumbull County Engineer's Office, 650 North River Road, Warren, Ohio 44483 or by telephone at 330-675-2640 or by email at HWSchaffe@co.trumbull.oh.us.