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TRUMBULL COUNTY ENGINEER

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UPCOMING PROJECT INFORMATION TRUMBULL COUNTY ENGINEER PLANS REHABILITATION OF HISTORIC OHLTOWN VIADUCT BRIDGE ALONG AUSTINTOWN WARREN ROAD OVER THE MEANDER RESERVOIR IN WEATHERSFIELD TOWNSHIP

PID: 116733

Trumbull County Engineer, Randy Smith, proposes to rehabilitate the historic Ohltown Viaduct Bridge along Austintown Warren Road located just west of Ohltown Road/Depot Street and spanning the Meander Reservoir in Weathersfield Township, Trumbull County, Ohio and to solicit your comments about the proposed project. The bridge meets the National Register of Historic Places criteria as an example of a multi-span concrete filled arch bridge, designed by a government entity. The project proposes to rehabilitate the existing 1,000-foot, 9-span reinforced concrete arch bridge constructed in 1928 in order to improve the bridge's general appraisal and condition ratings. The proposed rehabilitation will include new waterproofing and asphalt pavement, replacement of the existing roadway surface with engineered fill, concrete arch and spandrel wall patching/repairs, replacement of the heavily deteriorated parapet walls with similar style parapet walls to meet current safety standards, new catch basins and storm sewer and the installation of an interpretive historic display documenting the historic bridge design, the history of the Mahoning Valley Sanitary District (MVSD) and the village of Ohltown at the Ohltown Cemetery located on the east side and adjacent to the bridge. The \$3,944,000 project is scheduled to begin construction in the summer of 2025 and will be completed by the fall of 2026.

During project construction, Austintown Warren Road at the bridge site will be closed to vehicular traffic between Ohltown Road/Depot Street and the northern leg of Austintown Warren Road (west of bridge) for a maximum of one hundred and eighty (180) consecutive calendar days to rehabilitate the bridge. The official detour route for this closure will utilize Ohltown Road, North Turner Road, Mahoning Avenue, Lipkey Road, and Yerke Young Road. Construction, lane restriction, bridge closure and detour information will be posted along Austintown Warren Road and all intersecting side roads and on the Trumbull County Engineer webpage, www.engineer.co.trumbull.oh.us, prior to the start of construction activities. Access shall be maintained to all adjacent properties, businesses and intersecting sides streets for the duration of the project.

While the proposed project will not result in any substantial impacts to environmental resources, Trumbull County Engineer, Randy Smith, is seeking any comments the public may have regarding the proposed project. Project-related issues the public may wish to comment on include, but are not limited to, the effect of the project on residents, businesses, the local economy, historic or cultural resources, etc. The Trumbull County Engineer also requests the submittal of any historic photographs of the viaduct construction as well as the construction

of the MVSD facilities and the village of Ohltown before the construction of the lake. If anyone has concerns about the effect of the proposed rehabilitation on the historic integrity of the National Register eligible bridge or if you're interested in becoming a Section 106 consulting party or you have general questions/comments concerning the proposed project, please contact Mr. Gary W. Shaffer, P.E. by May 20, 2024 at the Trumbull County Engineer's Office, 650 North River Road N.W., Warren, Ohio 44483 or 330-675-2640.