

The City of Shelby Seeks Comments on the Mickey Road Reconstruction Project

City of Shelby – The City of Shelby in cooperation with the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) is seeking comments on the proposed RIC-MR1583-00.00 (Mickey Road) [PID 121396] road reconstruction project in Shelby, Ohio. The project will reconstruct Mickey Road from South Gamble Street (S.R. 61) to Mansfield Avenue (S.R. 39). This project excludes the Ashland Railway Crossing. Project work includes storm sewer, underdrains, curb and gutter work, drive aprons, new pavement, grading, and sidewalk construction. The project will require the permanent taking of right-of-way from adjacent parcels. Deep excavation will be required for the proposed work and utilities may be relocated because of the project. Construction of the approximately \$4.8 million project is currently scheduled to begin June 2028 and last until September 2029.

During construction, eastbound Mickey Road traffic will be detoured north on S.R. 61 to East Main Street (S.R. 69), then east on East Main Street to S.R. 39, and south on S.R. 39 back to Mickey Road. Westbound traffic will follow the reverse detour.

Because federal funding is being used, the project is subject to Section 4(f) of the U.S. Department of Transportation Act of 1966, which protects publicly owned parks, recreation areas, wildlife and waterfowl refuges, and historic sites from impacts associated with federally funded transportation projects.

Reservoir Number Two, located off Mullins Drive, is considered a protected recreational resource under Section 4(f). The project requires a narrow strip of permanent right-of-way from the property's mowed lawn area to accommodate a new sidewalk along Mullins Drive (0.267 acre) and a new water quality structure (0.058 acre).

Access to Reservoir Number Two from Mullins Drive will be temporarily closed during construction. However, public access to the reservoir will be maintained throughout construction via the north parking lot on Reservoir Drive.

The City of Shelby consulted with the manager of the Reservoir Number Two property regarding project impacts and received concurrence that the project will not adversely affect the recreational activities, features, or attributes that qualify the property for protection. The following measures to minimize impacts to the Reservoir Number Two property are being implemented as part of the project:

- Maintain public access to the reservoir throughout construction via the north parking lot.
- Install appropriate closure and detour signage before construction begins.
- Install temporary construction fencing along the construction limits to protect the Section 4(f) property and the public.
- Restore all disturbed areas to a condition equal to or better than existing conditions following construction.

- Limit construction staging and equipment storage to designated construction areas within the project limits.
- Post public notifications regarding closures and construction activities on the City of Shelby's website, including appropriate contact information.

Based on these measures, the proposed project is anticipated to result in a *de minimis* impact to Reservoir Number Two.

The City of Shelby invites the public to comment on the proposed project, including its effects on Reservoir Number Two and any potential social, economic, or environmental impacts. Environmental considerations include, but are not limited to, historic, archaeological, and architectural resources; ecological resources; floodplains; hazardous materials; and any other project-related concerns.

Written comments concerning the project may be mailed to: City of Shelby, 43 W. Main Street, Shelby, Ohio 44875; Attention: Joe Gies or by phone at 419-342-3600 or by email to joegies@shelbycity.oh.gov. Comments are requested by August 24, 2026.

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