

Public Service and Engineering Department

April 2024 Monthly Report

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

3/1/24 – 3/31/24

PROJECT AND ACTIVITY LISTING

- *2024 Street and Path Maintenance Program*

The Program was awarded via approval by the City Council on 3/5/2024. This \$2,200,000 program will be the largest in City history.

Next Milestone: Preconstruction meeting scheduled for 4/4/2024

- *North Depot Street Reconstruction Project*

Design ongoing. Met with designer and performed site walk with City staff to review current design.

Next Milestone: Design to continue to 30% submission.

- *OSU Wexner Medical Center*

The plans have been completely approved and a preconstruction meeting was held on March 13th with OSU staff and the construction team.

Next Milestone: Construction is underway.

- *Redwood Development*

The plan review is completed and the mylars are proceeding through the signature process. The first phase of work will be tree clearing and mass grading, which should occur in late February.

Next Milestone: Construction to start soon, demo work, including tree clearing and grading, has started.

- *North Depot Street Extension / Encore Development*

Tree clearing has been completed. Sanitary plans are approved and this phase of work is to start in early March. The public street plan and private improvement plan mylars are being submitted for final signatures.

Next Milestone: Sanitary sewer construction.

- Engineering Inspections and Plan Reviews

- 25 Inspections completed in March 2024
- 42 Plan reviews completed in March 2024

- MORPC Activities

- Attended the MORPC State of the Region
- Money Mondays

- Winter Weather Clean-up

Following a busy winter season, crews have worked through pothole patching. The rain-freeze-plow-thaw cycle this past winter opened up numerous potholes. Staff has also worked through each of their salt and plow trucks, repairing and maintaining items that broke or became worn through the season.

- Street Tree Trimming/Pruning

Our two newest service staff members have a strong arbor background. Over the past winter we ran into a few issues where our salt trucks weren't able to plow all the way to the curb due to overgrown trees. Our newest staff members have begun a tree trimming program. To date 85% of Wood of Powell North has been pruned and 95% of Wood of Powell South. While these staff member perform many other maintenance tasks we will continue our trimming program into neighborhoods as time permits.

- Spring Maintenance Begins

Spring is the impetus for many different seasonal maintenance tasks. Crews have begun spraying/treating poison hemlock, started mowing, spring fertilization has occurred at all but one park, and general park and right of way clean-up has commenced. Over the next few weeks, crews will be mulching and preparing for spring plantings downtown, including new and improved baskets.

- Fleet Management

We have speced and found a right-sized admin vehicle in a Ford Escape. The vehicle will replace the aged decommissioned police cruisers with a safe and reliable vehicle. It will allow us to maximize the resale value of the old cruisers.

The availability of the appropriate pick-up truck is slim. The state contract trucks are way oversized for our operations. We will continue to pursue options.

We are close to finalizing the tractor and the reach mower replacement spec. Since it is a specialized piece of equipment, we are pursuing the right combination of attachments to maximize its use. We want to try to use equipment throughout the entire year

Next Milestone: Acquire the new Ford Escape and upfit it for use. Finalize the tractor and reach mower quote and begin sourcing.

- Fleet Software (FleetIO)

We have begun the implementation process of the city's first Fleet Management Software.

The software has been deployed to service staff members. Staff has entered the most recent maintenance completed and performed vehicle inspections through the software. Some fine-tuning is still needed, but overall, it is working well.

Next Milestone: Compass will work to finalize the PD reporting, which is much more extensive due to their specific requirements. Look to deploy it in April.

- Adventure Park Pedestrian Tunnel

The city's consultant completed structural façade inspections of the CSX tunnel in late 2023. The hydraulic analysis and drainage review have been completed at this stage. Once a final solution is determined for the structural façade repairs, additional stormwater analysis and FEMA permitting will be required. It was originally thought that an additional \$21,000 stormwater analysis was needed to confirm the findings. Staff worked in-house to verify the findings saving the City the additional \$21,000 and ~6 months of additional surveying.

Staff met with CSX's governmental liaison in January to review active and pending CSX projects. We with the CSX Engineer on February 15th to review the analysis and seek input and direction on the next steps as well as temporary repairs. CSX engineer could not provide any info and suggested that contact their 3rd party engineering firm. Staff has reached out 3 times in March with no response.

- SR750 CSX Crossing Improvement Project

Following approval by the City Council to enter into an agreement with CSX to facilitate the improvements, the City signed the agreement and sent it to CSX for execution. CSX completed the signature process at the of March and provided the CSX required notice to proceed.

Next Milestone: We have requested a preconstruction meeting with CSX to review timeline, maintenance of traffic, etc.

- Adventure Park Pickleball Courts

The Adventure Park Pickleball Courts project was awarded via approval by the City Council on 3/5/2024. The lowest and best bid was submitted by Ironsite, Inc. for \$834,447.74

Next Milestone: Preconstruction meeting to be scheduled for April 11th.