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WATER STREET AND NORTH CEDAR STREET IMPROVEMENTS
ASHTABULA COUNTY, OHIO

The City of Geneva has secured funding for a future bridge and pavement replacement project on both Water Street and North Cedar Street. The proposed project is in the design stages of development and public input is requested at this time.

This project involves the replacement of the bridge carrying Water Street over Cowles Creek and resurfacing the remaining portion of Water Street. The second improvement is the complete pavement reconstruction of North Cedar Street from Water Street to North Avenue. The purpose of this project is to replace the structurally deficient bridge that was placed on ODOT's targeted bridge list, correct roadway deficiencies, and improve roadway drainage. A result will be safer and better access to local homes and businesses.

The proposed improvements will result in the acquisition of temporary and permanent right-of-way from 3 property owners. Temporary right-of-way will be necessary for access to the bridge and creek below on Water Street. Permanent right-of-way acquisition is necessary due to current bridge standards requiring the design of the wingwalls to extend past the existing right-of-way boundaries.

Construction of this estimated \$1.2 million project is expected to begin in the summer of 2019 and end in the winter of the same year.

The project development team is working on plans to minimize traffic delays and detours by phasing construction activities. The sequence of construction includes two phases with maintenance of traffic for each phase.

Phase I: Bridge Replacement and Resurfacing of Water Street – All work on Water Street will be completed in this phase and traffic will be detoured using North Avenue and North Cedar Street. However, access to homes and businesses will be maintained at all times. The length of closure is estimated to be 6 months.

Phase II: North Cedar Street Reconstruction – All work on North Cedar Street will be completed in this phase and traffic will be detoured using North Avenue and Water Street. As with Phase I, access will be maintained to local businesses. The length of this closure is estimated to be 1 month.

The City of Geneva is seeking public comments on the project. Any questions or comments regarding this undertaking should be submitted to William D. Baker, Jr., P.E. via telephone at 440-520-2273, via mail at CT Consultants, Inc., 8150 Sterling Court, Mentor, Ohio 44060, or via email at bbaker@ctconsultants.com. Comments must be received by January 26, 2019.