

# DIVISION OF HIGHWAY MONTHLY REPORT

December 2, 2019

## **I. General Operations:**

There were four moderate snow events in November. So far, no major incidents have been recorded, just the typical vehicles in ditches resulting from driving too fast for road conditions. In addition to snow plowing, the Division was also engaged in routine highway maintenance that includes brushing, shouldering, pavement repair and trash pickup.

CTH W Closure: The County is currently reviewing the investigative engineering data collected in mid-November. A report is being prepared that provides insight into the cause of the embankment destabilization and possible repair options with associated cost estimates. The completion of the report is targeted for month-end.

For State work, in addition to snow plowing and general maintenance on State highways, the crew also completed spot repairs on STH 31 and STH 50 as well as the drainage repair at CTH AH and STH 83 in mid-November.

## **II. Project Updates:**

### **A. County Projects:**

#### **1. CTH S Project:**

##### **a. Phase 1 - STH 31 to CTH H:**

- The project advertisement/bid dates were rescheduled because the DOT has ROW acquisition and railroad concerns. The County is working with the real estate consultant and legal team to determine a way forward and enable a January bid advertisement – we are cautiously optimistic.
- Demolition of buildings on acquired properties is scheduled to be complete in February 2020.
- Construction is still scheduled to start spring/summer of 2020.

##### **b. Phase 2 - CTH H to I-94:**

- ROW acquisition is complete except for two properties that will be acquired through litigation.
- Four of 16 buildings remain to be demolished, all demolition is targeted to be complete in February 2020.
- We formally applied for grant funding for this phase of the project through the DOT's Multimodal Local Supplement Program. This program was included in the State's most recent budget passed earlier this year.
- We're still targeting construction to start mid/late 2020.

#### **2. CTH F Realignment Project:**

- The design team submitted final plans, specifications and estimates to the Department for final review and approval.
- ROW acquisition is behind schedule because of challenges related to properties with mortgages.

- Demolition of buildings on acquired properties is targeted to be complete by year-end.
- Bid advertisement is scheduled for March 2020 and bid opening date is set for April 14, 2020.
- Construction to start by June of 2020.
- The County met with the Village of Twin Lakes Board to provide an overview of the draft Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) on 11-18-19. The Board voted to support the IGA negotiation process and will begin legal review. We're still working with a number of project area property owners to secure MOU's that would assist in addressing remnant real estate issues after the project is complete.

### **3. CTH K Project - CTH H to UPRR:**

- The design team continues to work with SEWRPC and FEMA to relocate the Pike Creek.
- One of the project ROW parcels required additional due diligence because of a potential development requiring new road access. This development project just recently appears to have been cancelled but the extra investigation time has delayed ROW acquisition. Completion of ROW acquisition has been rescheduled to February of 2020.
- Utility relocation has been rescheduled from mid-November to May of 2020 because of the delay in ROW acquisition. The design team continues to review utility plans.
- The City and the County continue to discuss stormwater, utility relocation and funding options – all of which need to be resolved to determine a project schedule.

### **4. CTH H and 65<sup>th</sup> Street Signalized Intersection**

The signals were turned on November 22<sup>nd</sup> with no issues reported. The County is closely monitoring the intersection to ensure the signal is operating at an optimum level of service. Restoration and landscaping of the area will be completed in Spring.

## **B. FoxConn & Related DOT Projects:**

### **1. CTH KR Enhancement Project:**

#### **a. Section I-94 to CTH H:**

The paving of proposed three eastbound lanes on the south side of CTH KR is nearly complete. Apart from numerous spot concrete pours, the contractor is also finalizing landscaping on the highway median. The DOT is still hopeful to open all 6 lanes before year end.

#### **b. Section CTH H to STH 31:**

The design team continues to fine-tune the design and attempting to address some of the citizen's stormwater drainage concerns. ROW acquisition is progressing on schedule and construction is still targeted to begin in the fall of 2020.