

**City of Fairfield
Minutes
Regular Meeting of City Council
August 8, 2022**

Council-Manager Briefing

South Gilmore Road Project

Mayor Rhodus called the briefing to order at 6:00 PM. Councilmembers present: Dale Paullus, Terry Senger, Tim Meyers, Matt Davidson and Gwen Brill.

Staff members present: Scott Timmer, Laurie Murphy, Ben Mann, Nick Dill, Alisha Wilson, Steve Wolterman, Steve Maynard, Tiphannie Mays, Adam Sackenheim, Carol Mayhall, Greg Kathman, Kristina Cooper and Don Bennett.

Public Works Director Ben Mann presented the South Gilmore Road Project update. See attached slides.

Business Meeting Call to Order

Mayor Rhodus called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Prayer/Pledge of Allegiance

Councilmember Brill led in prayer and Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

Councilmembers present included:

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Tim Meyers	Councilmember, At-Large	Present	
Matt Davidson	Councilmember, At-Large	Present	
Gwen Brill	Councilmember, At-Large	Present	
Leslie Besl	Councilmember, 1st Ward	Excused	
Dale Paullus	Councilmember, 2nd Ward	Present	
Terry Senger	Councilmember, 3rd Ward	Present	
Mitch Rhodus	Mayor	Present	
Adam Kraft	Councilmember, 4th Ward	Present	

Councilmember Davidson, seconded by Councilmember Meyers, moved to excuse Councilmember Besl. Motion carried 5-0.

Agenda Modifications

None.

Executive Session Requests

Councilmember Senger, seconded by Councilmember Meyers, moved for Executive Session to discuss the status of collective bargaining with public employees regarding their compensation and other terms and conditions of their employment, as well as the purchase of property for public use and pending/imminent litigation. Roll call vote. Motion carried 5-0.

Special Presentations

a. Recognition of EMS Personnel

Fire Chief Don Bennett, Deputy Fire Chief Tom Wagner and Deputy Fire Chief Randy McCreadie recognized EMS personnel that were involved in a call during which a young child had choked on a grape in her throat. The crew was instrumental in saving the child's life and the city recognized and thanked them for their quick action.

Citizen Comments

Rep. Jennifer Gross introduced herself to Council and stated that she is available to provide assistance to and advocate for the City at the state level.

Public Hearing(s)

None.

Approval of Minutes

The Regular Meeting Minutes of July 11, 2022 and Special Meeting Minutes of July 25 & 27, 2022 were approved as written and submitted.

OLD BUSINESS AND REPORTS

Mayor Rhodus noted that the new Vice Mayor would be Councilmember Tim Meyers and he will also serve as Chair of Finance & Budget Committee. Councilmember Dale Paullus will move to the Chair of Public Safety Committee and the newly appointed Councilmember will be Chair of the Public Utilities Committee.

Community & Public Relations Committee

Leslie Besl, Chair; Gwen Brill, Vice Chair; Vacant, Member

Development Services Committee

Matt Davidson, Chair; Terry Senger, Vice Chair; Dale Paullus, Member

Parks, Recreation and Environment Committee

Gwen Brill, Chair; Matt Davidson, Vice Chair; Leslie Besl, Member

Public Safety Committee

Tim Meyers, Chair; Dale Paullus, Vice Chair; Leslie Besl, Member

Public Utilities Committee

Dale Paullus, Chair; Vacant, Vice Chair; Tim Meyers, Member

Public Works Committee

Terry Senger, Chair; Tim Meyers, Vice Chair; Matt Davidson, Member

Finance & Budget Committee

Gwen Brill, Chair; Vacant, Vice Chair; Terry Senger, Member

NEW BUSINESS

Councilmember Davidson, seconded by Councilmember Meyers, moved to read all New Business by title only. Motion carried 5-0.

Community & Public Relations Committee

Leslie Besl, Chair; Gwen Brill, Vice Chair; Vacant, Member

Simple Motion: To appoint a Fourth Ward Council Member to fill the vacancy in the membership of the Council for the unexpired term pursuant to Section 3.10 of the Charter of the City of Fairfield, Ohio, effective August 8, 2022.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that City Council appoint someone to the unexpired term of the Fourth Ward Council Member vacancy, effective August 8, 2022.

Motion to appoint Adam Kraft as Fourth Ward Councilmember to fill the vacancy for the unexpired term of office.

Judge Joyce Campbell administered the oath of office and Councilmember Kraft thanked City Council for appointing him to serve. He introduced his family and thanked them for their support of this new endeavor. Councilmember Kraft joined the meeting at the dais as a voting member of the body.

SIMPLE MOTION NO. 14-22. APPROVED 5-0.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Gwen Brill, Councilmember, At-Large
SECONDER:	Matt Davidson, Councilmember, At-Large
AYES:	Meyers, Davidson, Brill, Paullus, Senger
EXCUSED:	Besl

Development Services Committee

Matt Davidson, Chair; Terry Senger, Vice Chair; Dale Paullus, Member

Motion to Suspend Second and Third Readings

Councilmember Davidson presented the first reading of this ordinance.

RESULT:	CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Matt Davidson, Councilmember, At-Large
SECONDER:	Dale Paullus, Councilmember, 2nd Ward
AYES:	Meyers, Davidson, Brill, Paullus, Senger, Kraft
EXCUSED:	Besl

Ordinance to authorize the Building Superintendent to waive building permit fees related to the construction of a new facility for Promo Spark at 300 Osborne Drive and declaring an emergency

Recommendation:

It is recommended that City Council suspend the rules requiring a second and third reading of this ordinance and pass as an emergency.

ORDINANCE NO. 98-22. APPROVED 6-0.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Matt Davidson, Councilmember, At-Large
SECONDER:	Tim Meyers, Councilmember, At-Large
AYES:	Meyers, Davidson, Brill, Paullus, Senger, Kraft
EXCUSED:	Besl

Public Safety Committee

Tim Meyers, Chair; Dale Paullus, Vice Chair; Leslie Besl, Member

Simple Motion: Motion to not request a hearing regarding a liquor permit application in the name of Guanacos LLC, 500 Kolb Drive Ste 4A, Fairfield, OH 45014 (Permit Class D5).

Recommendation:

It is recommended that City Council request, by simple motion, that **no hearing be held** on the liquor permit application in the name of Guanacos LLC, 500 Kolb Drive Ste 4A, Fairfield, OH 45014 (Permit Class D5).

SIMPLE MOTION NO. 15-22. APPROVED 6-0.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Tim Meyers, Councilmember, At-Large
SECONDER:	Matt Davidson, Councilmember, At-Large
AYES:	Meyers, Davidson, Brill, Paullus, Senger
EXCUSED:	Besl

Simple Motion: Motion to not request a hearing regarding a liquor permit application in the name of City Barbeque LLC dba City Barbeque, 6755 Dixie Highway, Fairfield, OH 45014 (Permit Class D1).

Recommendation:

It is recommended that City Council request, by simple motion, that **no hearing be held** on the liquor permit application in the name of City Barbeque LLC dba City Barbeque, 6755 Dixie Highway, Fairfield, OH 45014 (Permit Class D1).

SIMPLE MOTION NO. 16-22. APPROVED 6-0.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Tim Meyers, Councilmember, At-Large
SECONDER:	Matt Davidson, Councilmember, At-Large
AYES:	Meyers, Davidson, Brill, Paullus, Senger
EXCUSED:	Besl

Public Works Committee

Terry Senger, Chair; Tim Meyers, Vice Chair; Matt Davidson, Member

Motion to Suspend Second and Third Readings

Councilmember Senger presented the first reading of this ordinance.

RESULT:	CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Terry Senger, Councilmember, 3rd Ward
SECONDER:	Dale Paullus, Councilmember, 2nd Ward
AYES:	Meyers, Davidson, Brill, Paullus, Senger, Kraft
EXCUSED:	Besl

Ordinance to authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Morton Salt, Inc. for purchase of road salt.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that City Council authorize and direct the preparation of legislation authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with Morton Salt, Incorporated for the purchase of road salt.

ORDINANCE NO. 99-22. APPROVED 6-0.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Terry Senger, Councilmember, 3rd Ward
SECONDER:	Tim Meyers, Councilmember, At-Large
AYES:	Meyers, Davidson, Brill, Paullus, Senger, Kraft
EXCUSED:	Besl

Motion to Suspend Second and Third Readings

Councilmember Senger presented the first reading of this ordinance.

RESULT:	CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Terry Senger, Councilmember, 3rd Ward
SECONDER:	Dale Paullus, Councilmember, 2nd Ward
AYES:	Meyers, Davidson, Brill, Paullus, Senger, Kraft
EXCUSED:	Besl

Ordinance to authorize the City Manager to execute the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) Local Public Agency (LPA) Agreement for BUT-TR 99-0.50 (PID 114393) South Gilmore Road Project and declaring an emergency.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that City Council authorize the preparation of legislation, with rules suspension and emergency provision, authorizing the City Manager to execute the LPA agreement with ODOT for the City to administer engineering and construction of the BUT-TR 99-0.50 (PID 114393) South Gilmore Road

project.

ORDINANCE NO. 100-22. APPROVED 6-0.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Terry Senger, Councilmember, 3rd Ward
SECONDER:	Gwen Brill, Councilmember, At-Large
AYES:	Meyers, Davidson, Brill, Paullus, Senger, Kraft
EXCUSED:	Besl

Motion to Suspend Second and Third Readings

Councilmember Senger presented the first reading of this ordinance.

RESULT:	CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Terry Senger, Councilmember, 3rd Ward
SECONDER:	Gwen Brill, Councilmember, At-Large
AYES:	Meyers, Davidson, Brill, Paullus, Senger, Kraft
EXCUSED:	Besl

Ordinance to authorize the City Manager to execute and file the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) Safety Grant Application and Agreement for Route 4 / Seward Road Intersection and declaring an emergency

Recommendation:

It is recommended that City Council authorize the preparation of legislation, authorizing the City Manager to execute and file the application for financial assistance, and (if successful) enter into an agreement with ODOT for a grant to fund a major portion of the Route 4/Seward Road Improvement Project.

Councilmember Meyers commented that this will improve the corridor from a business standpoint.

ORDINANCE NO. 101-22. APPROVED 6-0.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Terry Senger, Councilmember, 3rd Ward
SECONDER:	Dale Paullus, Councilmember, 2nd Ward
AYES:	Meyers, Davidson, Brill, Paullus, Senger, Kraft
EXCUSED:	Besl

Motion to Suspend Second and Third Readings

Councilmember Senger presented the first reading of this ordinance.

RESULT:	CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Terry Senger, Councilmember, 3rd Ward
SECONDER:	Dale Paullus, Councilmember, 2nd Ward
AYES:	Meyers, Davidson, Brill, Paullus, Senger, Kraft
EXCUSED:	Besl

Ordinance to authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Acme Lock and Door for the replacement of three (3) Exterior Police Department Doors at the Justice Center with Ballistic Rated Doors and declaring an emergency.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that the City Council authorize and direct the preparation of legislation authorizing the appropriation of funding in the amount of \$72,000 from the Capital Improvement Fund for this project. It is further recommended that City Council authorize and direct the preparation of legislation authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with Acme Lock and Door for this project.

ORDINANCE NO. 102-22. APPROVED 6-0.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Terry Senger, Councilmember, 3rd Ward
SECONDER:	Gwen Brill, Councilmember, At-Large
AYES:	Meyers, Davidson, Brill, Paullus, Senger, Kraft
EXCUSED:	Besl

Motion to Suspend Second and Third Readings

Councilmember Senger presented the first reading of this ordinance.

RESULT:	CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Terry Senger, Councilmember, 3rd Ward
SECONDER:	Tim Meyers, Councilmember, At-Large
AYES:	Meyers, Davidson, Brill, Paullus, Senger, Kraft
EXCUSED:	Besl

Ordinance to authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Civil & Environmental Consultants, Inc. for professional safety engineering services for Cobblestone Grove Apartment Dams – Woodridge Boulevard and declaring an emergency.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that the City Council authorize an appropriation of \$32,600.00 be made from the Capital Fund and that Council authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Civil & Environmental Consultants, Inc. for the engineering services to perform the above referenced engineering services.

ORDINANCE NO. 103-22. APPROVED 6-0.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Terry Senger, Councilmember, 3rd Ward
SECONDER:	Gwen Brill, Councilmember, At-Large
AYES:	Meyers, Davidson, Brill, Paullus, Senger, Kraft
EXCUSED:	Besl

Motion to Suspend Second and Third Readings

Councilmember Senger presented the first reading of this ordinance.

RESULT:	CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Terry Senger, Councilmember, 3rd Ward
SECONDER:	Tim Meyers, Councilmember, At-Large
AYES:	Meyers, Davidson, Brill, Paullus, Senger, Kraft
EXCUSED:	Besl

Ordinance to authorize the City Manager to execute and file the United States Department of Transportation (USDOT) Discretionary Grant Opportunity application and agreement for the Symmes Road Railroad Crossing Elimination (RCE) Project and declaring an emergency.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that City Council authorize the preparation of legislation, with rules suspension and emergency provision, authorizing the City Manager to execute and file the application for financial assistance, and (if successful) enter into an agreement with the USDOT for a grant to fund the Symmes Road Railroad Crossing Elimination Project.

Councilmember Senger commented that this project has been discussed for decades and everyone is looking forward to it coming to fruition. Councilmember Meyers commented that this is the best ordinance he has seen in a long time.

ORDINANCE NO. 104-22. APPROVED 6-0.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Terry Senger, Councilmember, 3rd Ward
SECONDER:	Dale Paullus, Councilmember, 2nd Ward
AYES:	Meyers, Davidson, Brill, Paullus, Senger, Kraft
EXCUSED:	Besl

Finance & Budget Committee

Gwen Brill, Chair; Vacant, Vice Chair; Terry Senger, Member

Motion to Suspend Second and Third Readings

Councilmember Brill presented the first reading of this ordinance.

RESULT:	CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Gwen Brill, Councilmember, At-Large
SECONDER:	Dale Paullus, Councilmember, 2nd Ward
AYES:	Meyers, Davidson, Brill, Paullus, Senger, Kraft
EXCUSED:	Besl

Resolution levying a replacement and an additional tax totaling 9.25 mills to constitute a tax in excess of the ten mill limitation for the purpose of providing funds for the operational and capital expenses of the Fire Department of the City of Fairfield, Ohio and other purposes authorized under Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.19(I) and declaring an emergency.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that the Council adopt a resolution levying a tax of 9.25 mills for operational and capital expenses of the fire department as approved by the electors of the City.

Councilmember Davidson thanked Chief Bennett for a great job on the passage of the Fire levy.

RESOLUTION NO. 15-22. APPROVED 6-0.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Gwen Brill, Councilmember, At-Large
SECONDER:	Tim Meyers, Councilmember, At-Large
AYES:	Meyers, Davidson, Brill, Paullus, Senger, Kraft
EXCUSED:	Besl

Motion to Suspend Second and Third Readings

Councilmember Brill presented the first reading of this ordinance.

RESULT:	CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Gwen Brill, Councilmember, At-Large
SECONDER:	Tim Meyers, Councilmember, At-Large
AYES:	Meyers, Davidson, Brill, Paullus, Senger, Kraft
EXCUSED:	Besl

An ordinance determining to reduce and recertify special assessments levied for the purpose of constructing certain improvements and declaring an emergency.

Recommendation:

It is necessary for the City Council to pass an ordinance to reduce special assessments levied for the purposes of constructing certain improvements at the Cincinnati Mills Mall.

It is recommended that Council authorize and direct the preparation of legislation to reduce the special assessments levied for the purpose of constructing certain improvements at the parking garage located at the Cincinnati Mills Mall. In order to meet the special assessment deadline of Butler

County, a suspension of the rules and emergency are requested.

ORDINANCE NO. 105-22. APPROVED 6-0.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Gwen Brill, Councilmember, At-Large
SECONDER:	Tim Meyers, Councilmember, At-Large
AYES:	Meyers, Davidson, Brill, Paullus, Senger, Kraft
EXCUSED:	Besl

Motion to Suspend Second and Third Readings

Councilmember Brill presented the first reading of this ordinance.

RESULT:	CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Gwen Brill, Councilmember, At-Large
SECONDER:	Tim Meyers, Councilmember, At-Large
AYES:	Meyers, Davidson, Brill, Paullus, Senger, Kraft
EXCUSED:	Besl

Ordinance levying special assessments for the repair of sidewalks (including aprons) in the City of Fairfield, Ohio and declaring an emergency.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that City Council authorize and direct the preparation of legislation to levy the assessments for the repair of sidewalks against lands and lots benefited by such improvements. The legislation will require the emergency clause since unpaid assessments will be billed to the property owners to allow 30 days for payment before certifying the outstanding balance to the County Auditor and issuing bonds.

ORDINANCE NO. 106-22. APPROVED 6-0.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Gwen Brill, Councilmember, At-Large
SECONDER:	Tim Meyers, Councilmember, At-Large
AYES:	Meyers, Davidson, Brill, Paullus, Senger, Kraft
EXCUSED:	Besl

Motion to Suspend Second and Third Readings

Councilmember Brill presented the first reading of this ordinance.

RESULT:	CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Gwen Brill, Councilmember, At-Large
SECONDER:	Dale Paullus, Councilmember, 2nd Ward
AYES:	Meyers, Davidson, Brill, Paullus, Senger, Kraft
EXCUSED:	Besl

Resolution establishing the OneOhio Opioid Settlement Fund and declaring an emergency.

Recommendation:

It is necessary for City Council to pass a resolution in order to establish a OneOhio Opioid Settlement Fund for the separate accountability of the LG Share of the OneOhio Opioid Settlement Funds (OneOhio Funds).

RESOLUTION NO. 16-22. APPROVED 6-0.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Gwen Brill, Councilmember, At-Large
SECONDER:	Tim Meyers, Councilmember, At-Large
AYES:	Meyers, Davidson, Brill, Paullus, Senger, Kraft
EXCUSED:	Besl

Motion to Suspend Second and Third Readings

Councilmember Brill presented the first reading of this ordinance.

RESULT:	CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Gwen Brill, Councilmember, At-Large
SECONDER:	Adam Kraft, Councilmember, 4th Ward
AYES:	Meyers, Davidson, Brill, Paullus, Senger, Kraft
EXCUSED:	Besl

Ordinance to amend Ordinance No. 148-21 entitled “An Ordinance to make estimated appropriations for the expenses and other expenditures of the City of Fairfield, Ohio, during a period beginning January 1, 2022, and ending December 31, 2022.”

Recommendation:

It is recommended that City Council suspend the rules requiring a second and third reading of this Ordinance and adopt the appropriations listed above.

ORDINANCE NO. 107-22. APPROVED 6-0.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Gwen Brill, Councilmember, At-Large
SECONDER:	Adam Kraft, Councilmember, 4th Ward
AYES:	Meyers, Davidson, Brill, Paullus, Senger, Kraft
EXCUSED:	Besl

Motion to Suspend Second and Third Readings

Councilmember Brill presented the first reading of this ordinance.

RESULT:	CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Gwen Brill, Councilmember, At-Large
SECONDER:	Adam Kraft, Councilmember, 4th Ward
AYES:	Meyers, Davidson, Brill, Paullus, Senger, Kraft
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Recommendation:

It is recommended that City Council suspend the rules requiring a second and third reading of this Ordinance and adopt the appropriations listed above.

ORDINANCE NO. 108-22. APPROVED 6-0.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Gwen Brill, Councilmember, At-Large
SECONDER:	Adam Kraft, Councilmember, 4th Ward
AYES:	Meyers, Davidson, Brill, Paullus, Senger, Kraft
EXCUSED:	Besl

Meeting Schedule

Clerk Wilson read the following meeting schedule:

- A. Monday, September 12 - Council-Manager Briefing, 6:00 PM; Regular Meeting 7:00 PM
- B. Monday, September 26 - Council-Manager Briefing, 6:00 PM; Regular Meeting 7:00 PM
- C. Tuesday, October 11 - Council-Manager Briefing, 6:00 PM; Regular Meeting 7:00 PM

Executive Session of Council (if needed)

Council recessed to Executive Session at 7:55 PM. Council reconvened open session at 8:45 PM.

Councilmember Brill, seconded by Councilmember Davidson made a motion to amend the agenda to consider the recommendation of the fact finder in negotiations with the FOP Lodge #166 bargaining unit. Motion carried 6-0.

Councilmember Brill, seconded by Councilmember Meyers, moved to reject the Fact Finding Report and Recommendation in 2002-MED-01-0065 and 2002-MED-01-0141 City of Fairfield and Fraternal Order of Police, Lodge #166, and directing the City Manager to submit the Employer Certification of Fact Finding Vote to SERB and the representative of the FOP bargaining unit. Motion carried 6-0.

SIMPLE MOTION NO. 17-22. APPROVED 6-0.

15. ADJOURNMENT

The Regular Meeting adjourned at 8:47 PM.

ATTEST:

Clerk of Council

Mayor's Approval

Date Approved_____



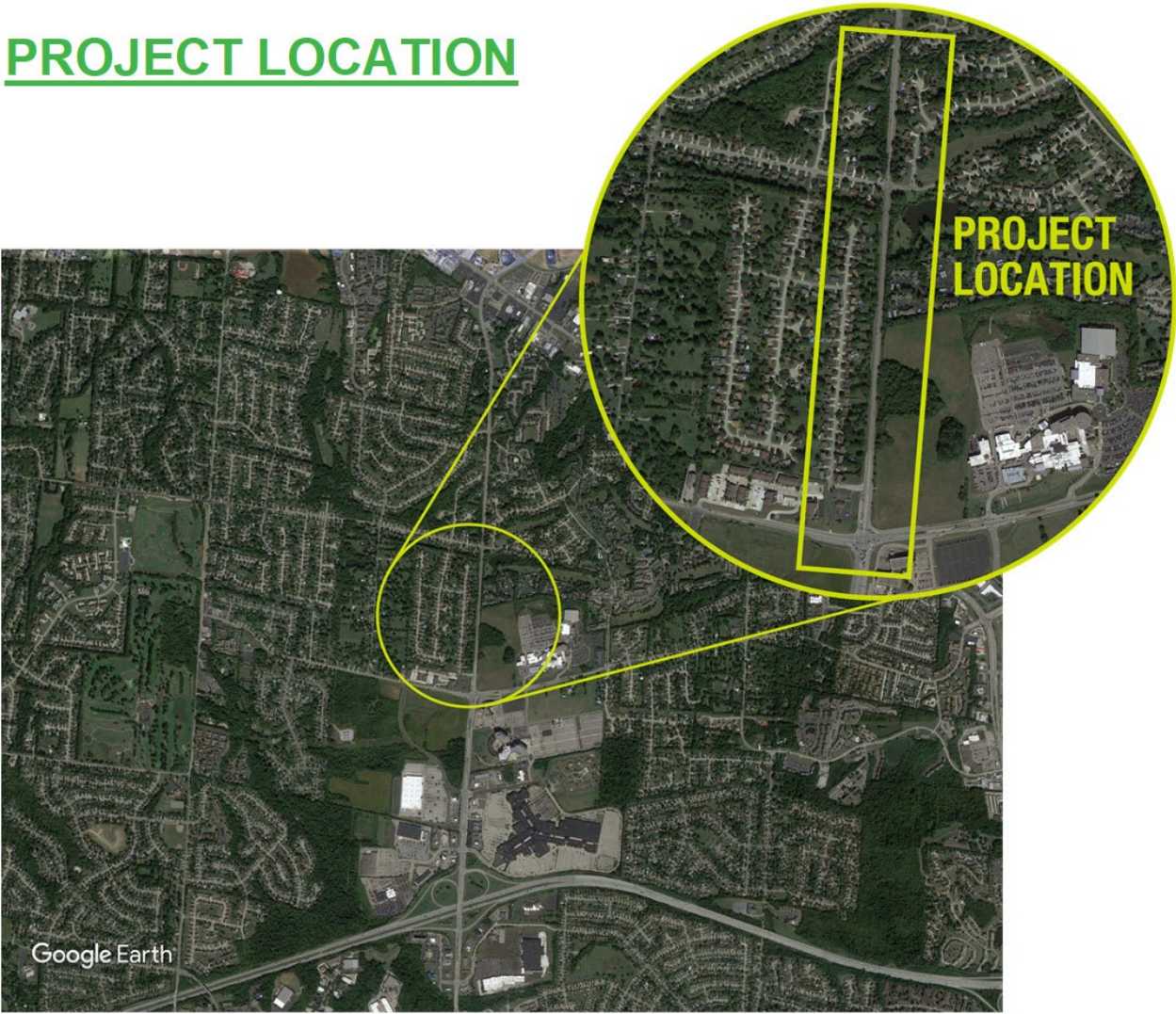
South Gilmore Road Project BUT TR 99 0.50 (PID 114393)

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Topics

- Background
- Funding
- Public Involvement
- Construction Plans
- Schedule

PROJECT LOCATION



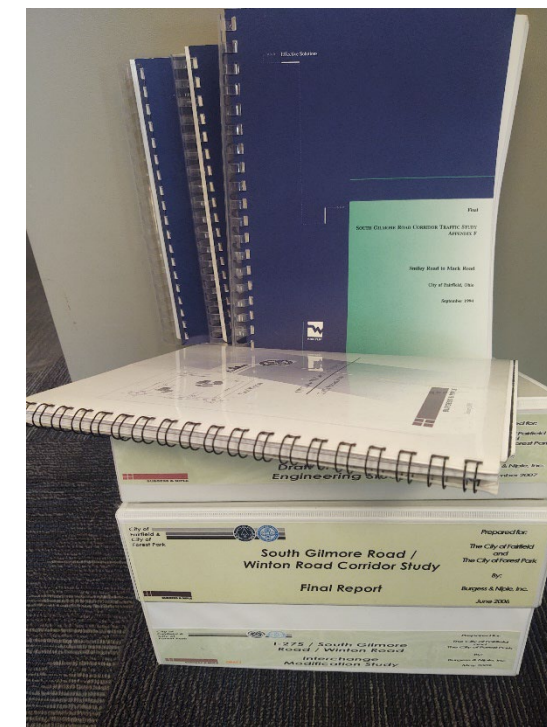


BACKGROUND

Corridor Studies

1990's and 2000's involved various Corridor and Interchange Studies

- The June 2006 Burgess & Niple South Gilmore Road / Winton Road Corridor Study recommended adding a SB thru lane from 800' north of Resor Road to Mack Road as a short-term recommendation.
- It was presented to Council in November of 2008 along with other recommendations for the corridor.



Mack and South Gilmore

Last Intersection Improvement was in 2006
Approximately \$1M in construction costs

Before:



After:



Approximately \$1M in construction costs



Major Improvement Project between 2012 and 2014
Construction Cost - \$10.4M



Exit 39 Improvements



Ramp Y and South Gilmore

Completed in 2022
Construction cost approximately \$1M





December 11, 2017

Mr. Ben Mann
City Engineer
Deputy Director of Public Works
City of Fairfield
8870 North Gilmore Road
Fairfield, OH 45014

Dear Mr. Mann:

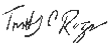
I am pleased to inform you that the OKI Executive Committee and the Ohio Statewide Urban Congestion Mitigation & Air Quality (CMAQ) Committee have approved the request from the City of Fairfield to fund the South Gilmore/I-275 Ramp "Y" Improvements project.

The project was approved for \$784,000 in federal CMAQ funds for FY 2022. The City of Fairfield will provide a 20% local match. OKI is proud to support transformative projects that will make our region's transportation network all the more efficient, integrated and multimodal.

Please contact Mr. Scott Brown at ODOT-District 8 in the next 30 days to schedule a field review of the project area. Milestone and sale dates will be determined at the field reviews.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Andy Reser, TIP Manager, at areser@oki.org or (513) 619-7688.

Sincerely,



T.C. Rogers
OKI President



Mark R. Polcinski
Chief Executive Officer

c: Scott Brown, ODOT – District 8

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PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

Public Meeting

In-person Public Meeting on April 14th

Website input from March 31 until May 16

[South Gilmore Road Improvements Project \(BUT-TR99-0.50, PID 114393\) - PublicInput.com](#)

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SOUTH GILMORE ROAD IMPROVEMENTS (BUT-TR 99-0.50, PID 114393)
PUBLIC COMMENTS SUMMARY

The City of Fairfield held a virtual public meeting lasting from March 31st to May 16th, 2022 for the South Gilmore Road Improvements Project (BUT-TR 99-0.50, PID 114393). An in-person public open house was also held at the Fairfield Community Arts Center on April 14th, 2022. A total of 12 comment sheets were received. The City appreciates the many individuals who attended the virtual and/or in-person meeting, and have expressed support for the project. A summary of comments received, with the City's responses, is provided below.

Major Concerns for the Improvement
The survey tab of the website asked respondents to check boxes indicating their major concerns for the improvement. The options were safety, congestion, construction, pedestrian and bike facilities, other, or no concerns. Commenters were able to indicate more than one concern. Traffic congestion (54%) was leading response, followed by other (38%) and roadway safety (31%). Another question asked respondents to check boxes indicating their relationship to the project corridor. The options included being a resident of Fairfield, living adjacent to the project limits, driving through the project area more than once a week, or driving through the project area less than once a week. Most respondents were a resident of the City of Fairfield (93%), with 87% of respondents indicating they drive through the project limits more than once a week and 53% of respondents indicating they live adjacent to the project limits. There were no respondents who indicated they drive through the area less than once a week.

Summary of Comments and Responses
The comments have been summarized and are provided in the table below, along with responses.

Questions/Concerns	Responses
Eliminate the landscaped island and leave it as a striped area. In the event there is a need for future maintenance in a traveled lane or a severe backup or closure on I-275, the unused center lane could help increase capacity.	Converting the center island to a travel lane is not feasible because there will be turn lanes between the center islands for access to side streets. Additionally, convertible lanes are generally not provided for irregular increases to traffic volumes. When maintenance is required, the maintenance vehicles can either park at the end of the center island or close one lane while maintaining the adjacent lane to vehicular traffic. It should be noted that the median is anticipated to reduce the potential for crashes by encouraging slower speeds and providing a physical barrier between northbound and southbound traffic.
We have concerns about the deteriorating and poorly maintained outflows from the pond south of Annandale and east of South Gilmore which could impact construction and be a long-term threat to the integrity of the road improvements. We are concerned that the road improvements will draw more traffic to an already dangerous situation at the South Gilmore and Resor/Annandale intersection. What are the plans for	The project intends to include erosion control at the pond spillway channel adjacent to S Gilmore Rd, just south of Annandale Dr to prevent erosion to the roadway embankment. The project will include a left turn lane on S Gilmore Rd into the future development site. Currently, a signal is not planned at the entrance to the future development because the anticipated traffic demand to/from the development does not warrant a traffic signal. At the S Gilmore Rd & Resor Rd/Annandale Dr intersection, traffic

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SOUTH GILMORE ROAD IMPROVEMENTS
BUT-TR 99-0.50, PID 114393

WHAT IS THE PROJECT?

This project will widen South Gilmore Road between Flaig Drive and Resor Road to provide two travel lanes in each direction, and a center median/turn lane. The roadway will be widened through the intersection with Resor Road to eliminate the existing southbound merge that occurs to the north. The existing traffic signal infrastructure will be upgraded at the intersection, and signal timing will be optimized. New sidewalks will be provided with the project; these will be from Flaig Drive to Planet Drive on the west and from Mack Road to Resor Road on the east. Minor utility relocations will be required to accommodate the proposed improvements. Temporary easements are anticipated from approximately 17 parcels and permanent right-of-way is anticipated from approximately 2 parcels.

WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THE PROJECT?

To prepare for future development and investment along South Gilmore Road between SR 4 and I-275 by adding capacity, as identified in the *Fairfield Forward Comprehensive Plan*; to enhance safety by eliminating the southbound merge, installing a raised median to assist with speed control, and improving the existing traffic signal at Resor Road; and to improve pedestrian connectivity consistent with the *Fairfield Connects Plan*.

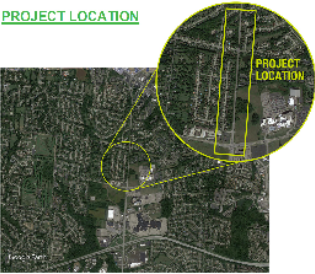
ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES

Environmental issues related to Regulated Materials, Waterways, Cultural Resources, and potential impacts to Environmental Justice communities are being investigated as part of the environmental studies.

HOW WILL THIS AFFECT MY COMMUTE?

Construction is tentatively scheduled to begin in March of 2024 and is anticipated to take 8-10 months. During all phases of construction, South Gilmore Road will be open with at least one lane northbound and one lane southbound.

PROJECT LOCATION



RIGHT-OF-WAY PURCHASES

Some right-of-way acquisition will be necessary in order to construct the project. This is expected to occur between November 2022 and August 2023, once the exact limits are known. Where acquisition of new right-of-way, temporary easements, etc. is required to accommodate the project, the City will coordinate with individual property owners.

PROJECT SCHEDULE

- Design Complete – Fall 2023
- Sale – Winter 2024
- Estimated Begin Construction – Spring 2024
- Estimated End of Construction – Fall 2024

CONSTRUCTION COST ESTIMATE

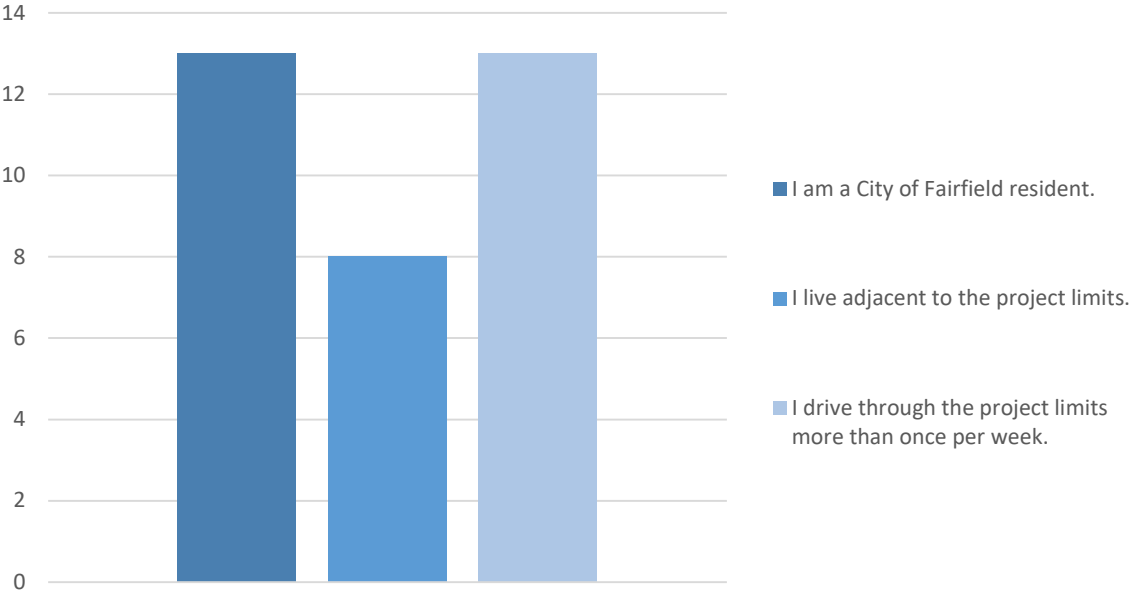
\$3,370,000

POTENTIAL FUNDING SOURCES

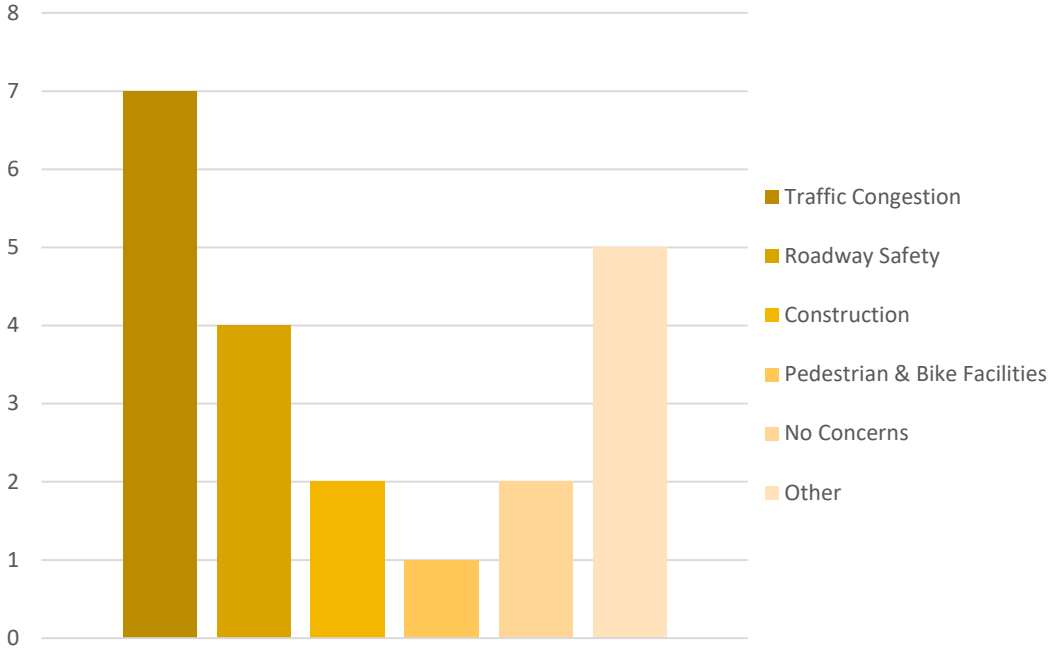
Surface Transportation Block Grant
\$2,241,806 (secured)
Ohio Public Works Commission
\$900,000 (applying in Fall 2022)
City of Fairfield
\$228,194

VIEWS	PARTICIPANTS	RESPONSES	COMMENTS
2,490	15 Details	71	12

Participant Profile



Participant Concerns





CONSTRUCTION PLANS

Attachment: South Gilmore Road - August 2022 (3317 : South Gilmore Road Project)

Existing Conditions



Area north of project lacks center turn lane. Speeding concerns. Substandard pedestrian facilities. Currently funding in the CIP to begin looking at this section next year.

Existing Conditions



Looking south (Route 4 towards Resor) improved sidewalk up to Planet. Wide existing lanes with curb and gutter. Limited sight distance for most of S. Gilmore from Route 4 to Mack.

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Existing Conditions



Looking south (Route 4 towards Resor) existing merge leads to congestion, ACD accidents, and aggressive driving. Trees on the west side approaching the intersection will be removed.

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Existing Conditions



Looking south (Resor towards Mack) existing wall will be removed and poles moved back as needed. Proposed sidewalk on east side of the road between Resor and Mack.

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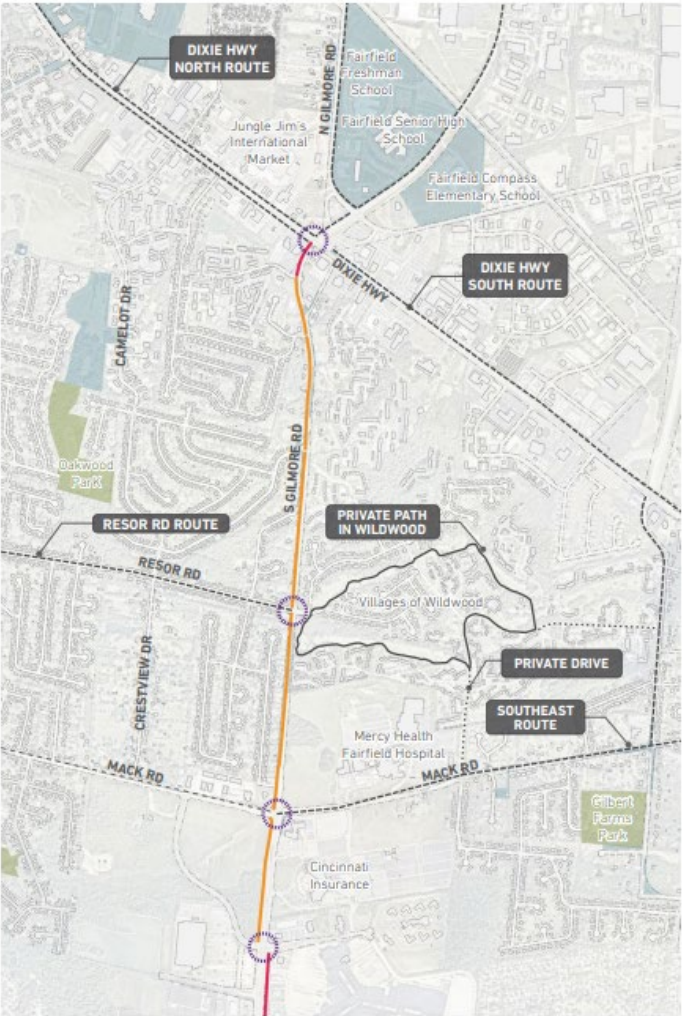
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Looking south (Resor towards Mack) grading difficulties on the west side of the road could lead to some walls. Intersection just north of Mack is already set up to meet the 5-lane section.

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MAJOR ROUTES



FAIRFIELD CONNECTS

SOUTH GILMORE ROAD

Facility Type:

Sidewalk

Notes

- Similar to Pleasant Avenue and Winton Road, the Gilmore Road route serves as a primary arterial road and a north-south axis for the community.
- Having a complete sidewalk network will allow for community residents and workers to walk between neighborhoods, parks, schools, and commercial and employment destinations.
- The area around South Gilmore Road and Mack Road is a major employment center with additional development opportunities.

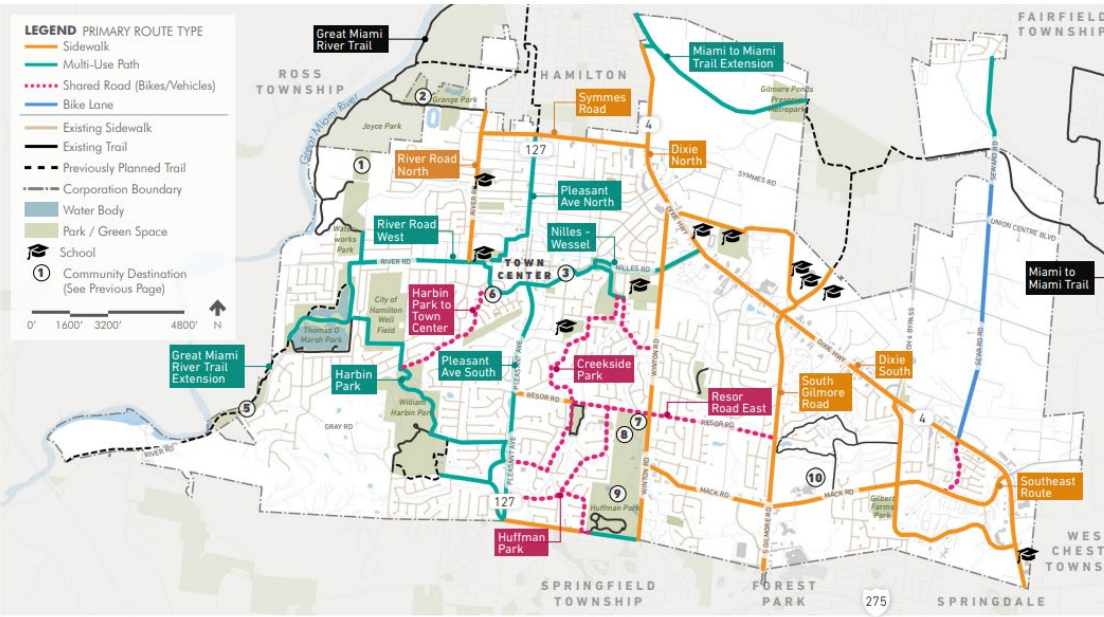
LEGEND

- Proposed Sidewalk
- Existing Sidewalk
- Existing Multi-Use Path
- Existing Shared Road
- Other Major Route
- ⊙ Signalized Crossing
- Publicly-Owned Parcel
- Park / Green Space



COMPREHENSIVE CONNECTIVITY PLAN

The map below depicts the primary routes of the connectivity plan. This map shows that the primary facility type is for each route, however, each route may contain multiple facility types in order to make the connection. The goal of this routing is to promote better connectivity between the Town Center, neighborhoods, parks, schools, shopping areas, and regional trails. More details on the specific routes can be found in Section 3 of this document where individual examinations of the primary routes are provided.



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S. GILMORE ROAD IMPROVEMENTS



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***Cost Estimate for Stage 2 is currently at \$3,862,000**

Potential for securing additional funding from OKI and for supplementing City funding with County Motor Vehicle funding.

City has funded 100% of engineering.

SCHEDULE



Next Steps



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THANK YOU

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