THE BLUE LETTER



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August 6, 2021

Dear Mayor Herbst and Esteemed City Councilmembers:

There are things in this world that are worth standing up for and are worth fighting to achieve. Each day our team is advancing to make Vandalia a more attractive place to thrive. I have shared with my staff the following axioms:

- You are in the sales business whether you know it or not and your job is to sell Vandalia;
 and
- 2. Each of you are a critical part to the City's economic development team.

It is my hope that the core mission of a City of Vandalia employee will be to exercise their talents and efforts to make this beautiful community a better place to live and do business. Let's leverage our passion and build coalitions so that we can achieve the successes, which were made possible by our predecessors.

Congratulations to Fire Captain Anthony Miller! Last week, I gladly promoted Vandalia Firefighter / Paramedic / Inspector Anthony Miller to the rank of Fire Captain. He will take a ceremonial oath of office and share a few words at the next meeting of City Council. He has extensive experience in the fire service and I am impressed by his demonstrated ability to consider truths on multiple sides of a given issue. Cpt. Miller has served the City of Vandalia in a full-time capacity since 2010. In addition to his responsibility as Shift Commander on Third Platoon, Cpt. Miller will oversee training, equipment, and policies and procedures for special operations. In his not-so-private life, Cpt. Miller serves as the Mayor of West Milton and has a photography business.



On Coalition Building: Our team and the people who are backing us have the right to feel like we are on the verge of something great. We are. To those who are waiting in the wings, I say, "come along and join us." The issues that we face are both challenging and intriguing. Let's



address them head-on. On the bureaucratic side, we are working together to hone internal processes to be more efficient and we are improving the way we serve each day.

Our community – at its core - consists of the City of Vandalia, Butler Township, and the Vandalia-Butler City School District. We stand to achieve the most when we are swimming in the same direction. I would like to thank Councilmember Candice Farst for working with Township Administrator Erika Vogel, Superintendent O'Leary, and I to further our discussions with Butler Township property owners so that we may connect the sidewalk on Stonequarry Rd. to Morton Middle School. Such an achievement would increase safety for students along the corridor, while reducing the school district's transportation expenses.

This week, I attended the Chamber of Commerce First Coffee event at the Justice Center where I learned about expanding businesses. Mr. Mike Koehl, a Vandalia resident on Dog Leg Rd., and I met to talk about the harm that carcinogenic polyfluoroalkyls (PFAS) pose to residents on the west side of town who are still using water wells because has not been able to service the area west of Airport Access Rd. Mr. Koehl and I discussed economic development, the City's numerous strategies for mitigating commercial truck traffic in the area, and how to weigh the best decisions for the greatest number of people. Mayor Richard Herbst and I had a similar conversation with Mr. Tom Hertlein when we visited his house last Friday. There, we discussed our efforts to build homes and responsibly support economic development proposals.

I left another meeting inspired by the vision of Mr. Hank Betts, a Vandalia resident who works for the Miller-Valentine Group and served on our comprehensive plan committee. There are great things to accomplish in this town and a pool of talent to see it through.

Finally, Councilmember Constance Woods and I met with, Ms. Julia Gearhart and also Ms. Paula Gibbs of Jan's Flower Shop. Together, we discussed constructive ways in which the City can help expanding businesses navigate our legal framework. Along similar lines, Assistant City Manager Amber Holloway and City Planner Zak Karto are evaluating opportunities to improve the way we communicate requirements under law and are considering options for expediting current processes.

During our meeting, Councilmember Woods and I shared the City's proposed safety improvements on East National Rd. with Ms. Gearhart and Ms. Gibbs. The City is pursuing grant funds from the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) to fund part of the proposed project. This initiative is optimal because it addresses a multitude of issues that residents stated highlighted in the comprehensive planning process including safety, speeding traffic, congestion from semi-trucks, not being bike friendly, a desire to improve business visibility and access, and a yearning to increase the overall attractiveness of the National Rd. corridor. In an effort to dispel any rumors, this project does not include any roundabouts on National Rd. – or anywhere in Vandalia. The initiative retains the current center turn left turn lanes from Ranchview Dr. to Dixie Dr. and the same *curb cuts* – entry ways to the business parking lots. With a transformative endeavor such as this, it is important that staff meet with a healthy sample of



business owners and other stakeholders to proactively gauge support and consider multiple viewpoints. I am pleased to report that I have received overwhelming support from the business community. In fact, there are many community members who have agreed to issue letters of support for our grant application to ODOT.

As you are aware, Chipotle recently opened. The developer produced an aerial video that can be seen here: LINK. Pay attention to the amount of open asphalt across our landscape and how much the roadway looks like a highway. It is a magnet for commercial truck traffic and we have to change the built environment if we are going to mitigate this problem. As a secondary benefit, I believe – and many business owners agree with me – it will improve the overall visibility and attractiveness of the area. I have enclosed the presentation that was made to City Council at a public Study Session as well as the preliminary ideas that our team is contemplating for the grant submittal.

National Night Out: National Night Out was an incredible success! It was great to see our Police Officers, Firefighters, Public Works, and Parks and Recreation team out there building relationships with the community. There was good, clean excitement at the event as IT Manager Darren Davey flew the drone, children climbed in and out of fire apparatus, and children got their faces painted. We are thankful to all of the sponsors who help make this event possible. Of course, Communications Manager Hopkins put together a great hype video ahead of time: <u>LINK</u>. Look closely and you just might see the Wendt boys playing their first game of cornhole.



Vandalia Art Park: Yesterday, I was pleased to see some children playing the new "Pagoda



Bells" instrument at Vandalia Art Park! I won't lie, I had to get out and see how it sounded. It would be better if I had any rhythm. The new instrument is pictured. This addition was made possible through the VB Foundation Arts and Culture CCA Fund. The paths within the park are scheduled to be paved beginning

on August 23.

Paving Notice to Businesses on Dixie: Enclosed are maps and a sample letter that will be sent out to businesses on Dixie. You will recall that a median is being installed and on-street parking is being eliminated along the corridor. This plan was approved in public meetings and the



affected businesses have been previously notified of parking changes.

Fiscal Condition: This week, Finance Director Leiter and I had the pleasure of meeting with Councilmember Constance Woods to discuss financial reporting. I am pleased to tell you that the City is in a strong position that will allow us to enhance services while realizing the transformative goals of our Vision Vandalia Comprehensive Plan. ACM Holloway and I are aware of some budding developments that will continue to bolster tax revenues in the future. You will recall that the income tax filing deadlines were pushed back in both 2020 and 2021. Because of this, it will be hard to make a true year-to-year comparison until September when we have finalized August figures. Finance Director Leiter reported YTD July 31, 2021, overall Income tax revenue is up 9.20% (\$917,995) from 2020 - approximately 6% higher than the anticipated YTD revenue. Enclosed are fiscal performance indicators that are issued each year by the Ohio Auditor of State. Vandalia's report is overwhelmingly positive. In the future, Director Leiter and I will work in tandem to produce intuitive indicators that will assist Council and the community with assessing the financial position of the City.

American Rescue Plan: At the next meeting of City Council, I plan to propose select appropriations of American Rescue Plan Funds and corresponding resolutions of support. The City will receive a total of 1,570,951.64 over two years. Council and staff have offered thoughtful consideration with regard to how the City might leverage this one-time revenue source to maximize tangible and immediate benefits to businesses and residents. Enclosed is a proposed table of expenditures. You will recall that the City's ARPA revenue was cut from \$2.9 mm to \$1.57 mm when the Ohio legislature voted to reallocate funds to townships – without requiring a corresponding reduction from counties, the State of Ohio, or cities with populations greater than 50,000 residents.

Promotional Videos: ACM Holloway and Communications Manager Hopkins met with CGI about our community videos. Mr. Jeff Hoagland of the Dayton Development Coalition, Superintendent Rob O'Leary, and a few businesses will be interviewed as part of our community promotion. Filming will take place at various locations including Warehouse 4 on August 10 and 11.

Fire Training at Ruby Tuesday: Prior to demolishing Ruby Tuesday to make way for Culver's,

proprietor Mark Myers permitted the Division of Fire to make use of the facility for some hands-on training. The Fire Division conducted search and rescue simulations with a smoke machine, mayday scenarios, busted through walls, and practiced ventilation techniques with the chainsaw. This type of preparation promotes desirable public safety outcomes on the fireground and we are thankful for Mr. Myers's generous contribution to our team.



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Performance Evaluation Training: Human Resources Manager Dewberry and Labor Attorney Doug Duckett conducted performance evaluation training for all Vandalia supervisors in late July. This training was designed to communicate my expectations that supervisors critically evaluate subordinates and establish SMART performance goals that improve the way we serve. In the near future, all performance evaluations will be conducted electronically. It is my plan to move all department directors, deputies, and other key staff (e.g., salaried staff) to an evaluation period that aligns with the City's fiscal (calendar) year so that performance goals align with budgetary outputs. In addition, future pay increases for said staff will be based solely on a critical assessment of performance. This is an obvious private-sector business practice that cannot be ignored by government organizations. I anticipate that this strategy, in conjunction with the compensation study that we are conducting will enable the City to attract and to retain high performers who want to make Vandalia the best it can be. This strategy may not be popular with not so high performers - and I am ok with that.

Commercial Truck Traffic: Every week, I look forward to reporting on what the City is doing to address commercial truck traffic. Recently, ODOT's Deputy Director Randy Chevalley asked me, "What is your biggest issue that you are dealing with as city manager of Vandalia?" I smiled and told him that every conversation relates back to truck traffic and the problems that are coming with the continued development on the west side of the airport.

There are two major developments that I am pleased to report. First, Public Service Director Rob Cron and I met face-to-face with Montgomery County Engineer Paul Gruner and his team to discuss our project timeline for the *Northeast Logistics Access Project*. This is the ODOT TRAC project around the northern side of the airport. During the meeting, we discussed the negative effects on our community and the actions that City Council and staff is taking to address truck traffic. I indicated to County Engineer Gruner that I would respectfully request an endorsement from his office supporting the City's desire to modify Ohio Revised Code and thereby declare National Rd. (US-40) a *No Truck Route*. On August 11th, I will meet with the City's lobbyists to discuss ongoing efforts. Mr. Dittoe has reported that on August 25th, he is meeting with Senator Tim Schaffer who resolved similar truck traffic issues through a legislative amendment relating to US-33 through Lancaster.

With regard to enforcement initiatives, on August 2, Chief Althouse and I met with Ohio State Patrol Lieutenant Geoff Freeman and Sergeant Chris Colbert, Post 57 commander and assistant post commander, regarding commercial vehicle enforcement activities on National Road through Vandalia. Our meeting included discussion on OSP's Motor Carrier Unit conducting more inspections and enforcement activities on US-40 in Vandalia. VPD officers are also working in partnerships with State Troopers to focus traffic enforcement on area roadways where we have frequent crashes and OVI violations. During the past two weeks, VPD officers made 13 traffic stops on commercial motor vehicles for traffic violations. These stops resulted in 1 traffic citation, and 12 written warnings while working 12 additional enforcement hours.



Weeds in the Right-of-Way: The Public Works Division continues to combat weeds at various locations throughout town including the National Road and Dixie Drive pavers, Brown School rock island, and Poplar Hills Cemetery. The gravel pathways at the Art Park were also sprayed in preparation for the asphalt work scheduled for the week of August 23.

Monu-Bright of Vandalia: I recently contracted Tim Walters of Monu-Bright to clean up and



restore the bronze plaques on the wall in front of the Municipal Building. There is still some work to be done on the peeling letters. Throughout town, I have directed staff to replace fading and outdated signs. These are low-cost maintenance issues that we must pursue in order for Vandalia to look and feel like a toptier suburb. Please learn more on the Monu-Bright website: https://www.monubright.com/.

Permits Issued: Recently, Development & Engineering has issued several building permits to various Vandalia businesses including an expansion for White Castle, Wright & Schulte for renovations, Beau Townsend Ford Quick Lube, and Culvers Restaurant.

Hotel / Motel Relations: Division of Police staff along with Lt. Walker attended a quarterly meeting with local hotels to discuss trends and crimes at these establishments. Lt. Walker and Butler Township Police representatives covered a variety of topics and answered questions from the hotel representatives. Representatives from the Knights Inn and Hawthorn Suites were in attendance. VPD met separately with Super 8 management on July 27 and discussed the increase in criminal activity at their establishment and offered recommendations on how to reduce these issues, including being more selective about to whom they choose to rent rooms. VPD offered various resources and expressed a desire to maintain a partnership with the establishment. Lt. Walker outlined the possible legal action they could face if they failed take proactive steps to mitigate these problems. Later this month, Council will consider additional legislation that will enhance the City's ability to enforce nuisance complaints against hotels / motels in town.

It is a privilege to serve you and the Vandalia community. Please contact me directly with comments and guestions.

Your Partner in Service,

Dan Wendt City Manager

Attachments:

1. Information Update - ACM Holloway - August 5, 2021;



- 2. Information Update Director Leiter August 5, 2021;
- 3. Information Update Chief Follick August 5, 2021;
- 4. Information Update HR Manager Dewberry August 5, 2021;
- 5. Information Update Director Clark August 5, 2021;
- 6. Information Update Chief Althouse August 5, 2021;
- 7. Information Update Director Cron August 5, 2021;
- 8. Financial Health Indicators City of Vandalia Auditor of State December 2020;
- 9. Proposal American Rescue Plan Act Expenditures;
- 10. Northeast Access Logistics Project (TRAC) Montgomery County Engineer Map.pdf
- 11. Division of Fire Statistics July 2021;
- 12. 12 Notice to Business Street Resurfacing, Median, Restricted Parking;



To: Dan Wendt, City Manager

From: Amber Holloway, Assistant City Manager

Date: August 5, 2021 Subject: Information Update



- Rob and I held a meeting with 143 Engineers to review the progress of the Safety Study on 7/23.
- I attended the Employee Pool Party. A special thank you to Shannetta, Rich and Sherri for their hard work putting the event together.
- Zak Karto and I wrapped up the review for Beau Townsend's new building. The permit was issued last week.
- Rich and I, along with several other staff members, attended the ribbon cutting for Chipotle on 7/28. It was great to celebrate with the Chipotle team and the team at Compton Addy. Since opening, I have seen people enjoying the patio nearly every day.
- I met with the leadership team at Culver's on 7/28 to discuss the project and timeline. The Ruby Tuesday building is scheduled for demolition next week (8/9) to make way for the new restaurant.
- I, along with the DDC, held a check-in meeting with AxoGen. The company is projecting a construction completion date in late fall of this year.
- Zak and I met to brainstorm the Downtown Overlay District which is a short-term goal in the Vision Vandalia Comprehensive Plan.
- I attended the Vandalia-Butler Chamber of Commerce Golf Outing on Tuesday 8/3. As usual, this was a great event made better by perfect weather.
- I attended the JEDD & JED-Z meetings on Wednesday August 4 at the Township Administration building.
- You, Zak and I met to review upcoming public hearing items.

Communications Update:

- Our next Focus Vandalia taping is Tuesday, August 17.
- We submitted a story on our paramedicine program to the Ohio City Manager's Association (OCMA) newsletter.
- After meeting in early August, the School District announced their PR person was leaving for a different position in a neighboring school district. We and the Township have decided to postpone the Fall joint newsletter until October.
- Rich is working on managing business card proofs. Most have received the proof and either approved it or asked for changes. We should have these in hand in the next few weeks.
- We will be meeting with the company producing our community videos on Friday. We
 have secured interviews with Jeff Hoagland and Rob O'Leary and are working to secure
 interviews with a couple of businesses. We secured permission today to film video
 inside the Warehouse 4 Coffee on Dixie Drive. The filming will take place on Tuesday
 August 10 and Wednesday August 11.

City of Vandalia Finance Department

Information Update

To: Daniel D. Wendt, City Manager

From: Bridgette Leiter, Director of Finance

Date: August 5, 2021

Re: Information Update - Period Ending August 6, 2021

- 1. YTD July 31, 2021, overall Income tax revenue is up 9.20% (\$917,995) from 2020. Withholding tax is up YTD 7.23% (\$546,794); individual tax up YTD 6.43% (\$66,786); Business net profit tax up YTD 21.98% (\$304,415). The amount of income tax revenue budgeted for 2021 is \$16,995,000. The amount collected YTD was \$10,899,999. Therefore, the amount collected to date (64%) in 2021 is approximately 6% higher than the estimated YTD amount based on the budget. However, due to the change in the income tax due dates in both 2020 and 2021, the monthly comparisons will be somewhat skewed until August.
- 2. The Land Acquisition Note issued for the acquisition of land for the Stonequarry Crossing development matured on July 29, 2021. The total amount due was \$1,399,000 in principal plus \$20,926.71 in interest (1.17%). The maturity date on the new note (\$1,399,000) will be on July 28, 2022, with an estimated interest amount due of \$17,438.92 (1.25%). The five-year operating plan proposes an annual payment in the amount of \$100,000, beginning in 2023 until the balance is paid. The debt is scheduled to be paid in full in 2036.
- 3. I attended the Joint Economic Development District (JEDD) and Joint Economic Development Zone (JEDZ) meetings on your behalf and updated both boards on the status of income tax collections for the respective districts.



DIVISION OF FIRE INFORMATION UPDATE

TO: DANIEL WENDT, CITY MANAGER

FROM: CHAD FOLLICK, FIRE CHIEF

DATE: 8/5/2021

SUBJECT: INFORMATION UPDATE – PERIOD ENDING AUGUST 6, 2021

- 1. The Division of Fire would like to congratulate Anthony Miller on his promotion to Captain. After interviews and participating in an assessment center, Anthony will be filling the vacancy left when Duane Stitzel retired earlier this year. Anthony will be on our "C Shift" rotation and will be taking on several additional responsibilities in his new role. Congratulations Anthony!
- 2. The Division of Fire continues to have interest from the community on our mobile vaccination program. CRR Jacobs, along with Mont Co. Public Health was out again this past Wednesday administering vaccinations to those who called requesting appointments for this service. There are already future dates for this scheduled and calls continue to come in for appointments or to inquire about this service. The mobile vaccination program continues to be a successful one for our community.
- 3. A shout out is needed to go to our Public Works mechanics. We have had an increase in maintenance and work needed on our apparatus recently. They have been working hard and quickly at keeping our vehicles ready to go. Thanks for keeping our guys going and our equipment safe!
- 4. During the Month of July and into August the Division of Fire is getting quite a bit of needed training.
 - The Crews have taken advantage of the rec center pool that is currently drained for maintenance. This facility and area of the rec center aids us

DIVISION OF FIRE INFORMATION UPDATE



in our confined space and various rescue trainings. We are able to get our equipment out and use hands on techniques this time of year. A big thank you to the rec center for allowing us to train during this time.

- Vandalia and Butler Township crews have also been able to make use
 of the old Ruby Tuesday building to get in some hose movement, search
 and rescue, fire attack, and mayday evolution trainings. Thanks to the
 new owners for allowing us to make use of this facility before it is
 demolished.
- 5. Tuesday August 3rd the Rec Center held another Splashtacular event at Robinette Park, crews were quite busy with calls this day, but managed to send our ladder truck over to participate, again, this is a fun event and we are always happy to see the kids having a good time.
- 6. The Division of Fire was pleased to participate in National Night out on Tuesday August 3rd at the rec center. Participants got to see our vehicles, equipment, staff and drones up close. The weather was great, and the event was a successful one.
- 7. There has been an increase in part-time resignations within the Division of Fire.

 While we hate to see anyone leave, these members are usually perusing fulltime positions and higher education opportunities. As a result, we are still
 actively recruiting new part-time members to join our fire family. We hope to
 have new interest soon, so we can fill shifts that are seeing staffing shortages.

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To: Dan Wendt, City Manager

From: Shannetta Dewberry, HR Manager

Date: August 5, 2021 **Subject:** Information Update



HUMAN RESOURCES UPDATES

HR Recruiting

- Public Safety Specialist We have identified a candidate for this position and are moving forward with the hiring process.
- ❖ Finance Clerk We have identified a candidate for this position and are moving forward with the hiring process.
- ❖ **Police Officer** We will be posting this position in upcoming weeks.
- **Firefighter** We will be posting this position in upcoming weeks

Performance Evaluation Training

❖ Doug Duckett (Labor Attorney) conducted two successful Performance Evaluation training sessions on July 21st and 28th for supervisors and management. This training gave managers better insight and education on how to conduct more collaborative and effective employee evaluations.



To: Dan Wendt, City Manager

From: Steve Clark, Director of Parks & Recreation

Date: 8/5/2021

Re: Information Update – Period ending August 5, 2021

Parks and Recreation management staff attended the "How to Effectively Administer Performance Evaluations" training event conducted by Douglas Duckett (Attorney and Counselor at Law). Twelve staff attended this very valuable and effective training session. We look forward to the new evaluation system.

RECREATION/ATHLETICS DIVISION

We are partnering with Vanta Leagues to offer an Esport (competitive video gaming) development program with expert coaching for kids ages 9-14. Vanta was started after their co-Founder's son was cyberbullied playing online. They work with parents, schools, and youth organizations to provide a safe, structured gaming community for youth gamers. Games that will be offered include League of Legends, Rocket League and Valorant. The league will begin this fall.

Opening day for youth soccer will be held on Saturday, August 21. Team and individual pictures will take place on August 14. The program has 359 kids participating this fall.

The final Neighborhood Splashtacular was held on August 3 at Robinette Park. Over 85 kids participated in the event which included Kona Ice, Metronet and a food truck serving pizza. We are very thankful and appreciative of the Division of Fire's involvement in the series. They made the event special for the kids. Aaron is already planning for next year's Splashtacular events.

All Inclusive Recreation Day was held on July 30 at the Sports Complex with 35 participants enjoying field games, a lunch provided by Domino's Pizza, and water fun provided by the Fire Department. This is a great event that continues to gain momentum each year we offer it. WDTN was onsite and did a story.

Jeff Kreill continues to spend a great deal of time at Cassel Hills Pool or communicating with folks about the pool. On July 29, Jeff met with SwimSafe staff, including pool managers, to discuss some ongoing issues. An action plan was established with some immediate improvement in areas of concern. Jeff will continue to monitor and work with SwimSafe to assure patron expectations are met. Many thanks to Public Works for providing rule signs that have been placed in various locations at the pool.

For the month of July, Cassel Hills Pool had 4,173 daily admission visitors and 2,027 pass holder visitors. Daily admission continues to be the major source of visits to the pool this summer.

RECREATION CENTER

The next Premier Health presentation will be on August 24 at 5:30 pm with the topic being Lung Health. Alicia is working with Premier on scheduling a health talk presentation about Nutrition for later this year.

Insurance Based Membership visits for July were processed with 2,372 Tivity visits, 369 Optum visits and 63 ASH visits. We are experiencing a drop in IBM visits with the main reasons being the reported increase in COVID cases and summer vacations. Staff is brainstorming ideas to increase visits from this group.

VRC custodial staff performed a variety of tasks in the Aquatic Center during the annual maintenance shutdown period including cleaning of pool windows, power washing of locker rooms and an application of pool deck non-slip material. They also repaired a locker room swimsuit extractor

GOLF DIVISION

Cassel Hills hosted the Vandalia-Butler Chamber of Commerce Annual Golf Outing on August 3 with a total of 90 golfers participating. LongHorn Steakhouse catered the event.

July was a great month at the golf course with \$12,000 in greens fees and carts collected. This was accomplished despite 5 ½ days of being closed due to the weather and 7 leagues being cancelled.

Marty continues to deal with irrigation system issues. The latest problem was an electrical issue in which a root grew into the system and snapped a breaker. This is the first time we have experienced an issue of this nature. Based on the age of the system (48 years) this type of problem could happen again, according to the electrical contractor who fixed the issue.

SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER

Toni is working with Montgomery County Jobs and Family Services on an issue with the spreadsheet they provide for reporting Van Tran trips. At this time Toni is unable to input statistics which affects her ability to create an invoice for reimbursement. Apparently the IT department at Montgomery County is working on the issue.

Attendance at the Senior Center continues to increase with an average of 74 members per day over the last ten days. This is our highest average since reopening.

A capacity crowd attended the July 30 Lunch and Learn at the Senior Center. The King's English, a 4-piece vocal band that formed at the University of Dayton in 1965 performed. The band members have continued to play together for more than 50 years!

An ice machine for the Senior Center has been purchased and will be installed by maintenance staff in the coming days.

FACILITY MAINTENANCE DIVISION

The VRC Aquatic Center maintenance shutdown has gone very well with many tasks and projects being completed. The pool was filled yesterday and will reopen on Saturday, August 7. The big projects during shutdown were the replacement of a failed 12" section of pipe above the main circulation pump, the repair of a cracked PVC pipe on the bucket feature and activities features plumbing work. The entire facility received a thorough cleaning as well.

Maintenance staff assisted with the National Night Out event at the Sports Complex on August 3. They placed extra trash receptacles along with tables and chairs and operated the hayride portion of the event. The hayrides were a big success. Kudos to Dan Morrow and Matt Roberts for their efforts with the hayride and entire event.

Rudy Wells met with Butler Township staff regarding use of our mobile sound stage for their Cruise In scheduled for this Friday, August 6. Staff will be transporting and setting up the stage on Friday afternoon and will be supplying a generator for band use during the event. We will have a staff member with the stage during the entire event.

Maintenance staff sprayed various locations for weed control including the National Road and Dixie Drive pavers, Brown School rock island and Poplar Hills Cemetery. The gravel pathways at the Art Park were also sprayed in preparation for the asphalt work scheduled for the week of August 23.

The bronze plaques on the wall in front of the Municipal Building have been cleaned and restored. The contractor performing the project did an outstanding job. (Picture below). Maintenance staff will be painting the white letters above the plaques in the coming weeks.

Municipal Building Plaques



All Inclusive Recreation Day



Information Update



To: Dan Wendt

City Manager

From: Kurt E. Althouse

Chief of Police

Date: August 5, 2021

Subject: Information Update Ending August 6, 2021

- During the past two weeks, VPD officers made 13 traffic stops on commercial motor vehicles for traffic violations. These stops resulted in 1 traffic citation, and 12 written warnings while working 12 additional enforcement hours.
- 2. On July 26, VPD officials held our second meeting of 2021 with local hotels to discuss trends and crimes we are experiencing at these establishments. The Division holds these meetings with our hotels quarterly to foster cooperation to reduce crime and resources needed to combat these problems. Lt. Walker and Butler Township Police representatives covered a variety of topics and answered questions from the hotel representatives. Representatives from the Knight's Inn and Hawthorn Suites were in attendance. We met separately with Super 8 management on July 27. Lt. Walker and Sgt. Garry Lawson discussed the increase in criminal activity at their establishment and gave them recommendations on how to reduce these issues, including being more selective about who they choose to rent rooms to. We also discussed the resources we could offer and expressed our desire to partner with them. Lt. Walker outlined the possible legal action they could face if they do not take proactive steps to mitigate these problems.
- 3. On July 27, I had the privilege of congratulating Dayton Police Chief Richard Biehl on his retirement on behalf of the Ohio Association of Chiefs of Police (OACP) and the Law Enforcement Foundation (LEF) during a public ceremony at Levitt Pavilion. Chief Biehl served as police chief for 13 years and had an outstanding tenure of 40+ years in law enforcement. He was instrumental in several community programs and initiatives that involved and benefitted various law enforcement agencies throughout Montgomery County.
- 4. Support Services Manager Anissa Kanzari completed a week-long Center Manager Certification Program in Columbus, Ohio led by the National Emergency Number Association (NENA). This 40-hour course provides managers and supervisors with additional tools needed to manage their agency's Communications Center effectively through a rigorous course of lecture and lab-based education. Following successful completion of the course, she attended several seminars at the week-long NENA National Convention, also held in Columbus.
- 5. PSS Amanda Stewart resigned from VPD effective August 2 to return to her former employment with Miami (OH) University.

- 6. On August 2, you and I met with Ohio State Patrol Lieutenant Geoff Freeman and Sergeant Chris Colbert, Post 57 commander and assistant post commander, regarding commercial vehicle enforcement activities on National Road through Vandalia. Our meeting included discussion on OSP's Motor Carrier Unit conducting more inspections and enforcement activities within and around Vandalia with VPD officers as well as working in partnership with state troopers to focus traffic enforcement on area roadways where we have frequent crashes and OVI violations.
- 7. VPD participated in National Night Out on August 3. Ofc. Andy Wehner organized the event which drew hundreds of residents. There were many sponsors, which allowed VPD to raffle off kids bikes as well as many other items. The feedback from the community on social media was positive and everyone enjoyed the event.
- 8. PSS Mary Beth Dyke successfully completed the Emergency Medical Dispatch training and passed her certification exam.
- 9. On Thursday, I attended the Montgomery County Radio Council of Governments at the Montgomery County Solid Waste Facility administrative offices in Moraine. I received updates on the MARCS communications system and upgrades coming to all public safety and government radios, which will include an increase in user fees.
- 10. Lieutenant Walker, Administrative Assistant Laurie Paskey and I attended the Chamber's First Friday Coffee event held in the Community Room. This is always a great time to interact with business representatives from our community and learn about events and progress occurring within their companies and organizations.



Public Works & DES Information Update

To: Dan Wendt, City Manager

From: Rob Cron, Director of Public Service

Date: August 5, 2021

Re: **Information Update for July 24 - August 6, 2021**

Development & Engineering Services

We are still waiting on a schedule from Barrett Paving on our Annual Resurfacing Project. The project has a completion date of October 1st. I have notified them that the concrete repair project is complete, and they can get us on their schedule.

Northpoint Development has made significant progress on the relocation of Tuskegee Airman Drive. The roadway has been paved and we anticipate it to be open soon.

The US 40 Improvement project is moving along. They have closed the ramps to and from the Dayton International Airport on the north side of US40 to build the new ramps. Traffic to the Airport is detoured to Concorde Drive. They anticipate shifting traffic to the new pavement on the north side of US40 the first week of September.

The building permit for the White Castle expansion has been issued.

Three other building permits have been released for pick up:

- 1. Renovation at Wright & Schulte at 865 S. Dixie
- 2. Beau Townsend Ford Quick Lube at 1090 W. National
- 3. Culvers Restaurant at 6425 Miller Lane

You and I met with the Montgomery County Engineer and staff to discuss the TRAC project that they have been awarded funding for the design. This project would complete the roadway improvements around the north side of the Airport. It will include improvements to N. Dixie Drive and Northwoods Boulevard in Vandalia. The project also includes a traffic signal upgrade at the intersection of Dixie Drive and Northwoods Blvd.

DES staff met remotely with representatives from Lasefiche. We will be upgrading our permitting software next year and Lasefiche is another option for digital document storage. We currently use OnBase, but Laserfiche may offer better options including a public portal for people to access records for their property.

Kip Millikin has been working with the Fire Department on several properties that we have posted as condemned. 870 Continental Ct. Apts. 5 & 6, 150 Imperial Court Apt. 5, 1019 W. Alkaline Springs Drive and 281 North American are all currently posted as uninhabitable.

Steve Nickels, Mike Busse, DeWayne Hopping, Pete Baldauf and I attended the Performance Evaluation Training conducted by Doug Duckett.

Public Works

Crews have finished up adjusting and repairing water valve boxes in preparation for this year's resurfacing project

We made repairs to two fire hydrants.

Crew have been busy trimming and spraying around guard rails throughout the city as well as spraying for vegetation along the gutters.

Crews also spent time during this period cleaning various sanitary sewer mains.

We have been performing some maintenance on our facility including repairing some of the block walls.

We displayed our mini excavator at this year's national Night Out.

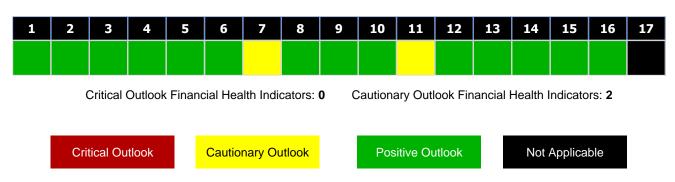
Steve Nickels and I attended the NAWA Technical Committee meeting on August 5th.





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2020 Financial Health Indicators at a Glance:



(Please refer to the last page for definitions)

STATUTORY REQUIREMENT Ohio Revised Code Section 118.025 requires the Auditor of State to "develop guidelines for identifying fiscal practices and budgetary conditions, amongst municipal corporations, counties, and townships that, if uncorrected, could result in a future declaration of fiscal watch or emergency." In addition to these fiscal caution guidelines, the Auditor of State has developed Financial Health Indicators (FHI).

FINANCIAL HEALTH INDICATORS (FHI) are a series of financial information, percentages, and ratios gathered from annual financial statements, filed by the local governments, which are useful in predicting financial stability. FHI will be used to recognize early signs of fiscal stress at specific local governments and take a proactive approach to monitoring or assisting these local governments, rather than only a reactive approach after declaration of fiscal caution, watch, or emergency.

Seventeen (17) FHI have been identified as useful in determining signs of fiscal stress. In the preliminary report, 16 of the indicators are based on information derived from the entity's prior audited and current unaudited financial statements submitted to the Auditor of State's office. Indicator 17 is based on the results of the audit of the current financial statements and is; therefore, not considered in this preliminary report.

HOW TO ANALYZE FHI No individual FHI is of use in identifying overall fiscal stress. These indicators must be considered together to obtain insight as to whether or not an entity is experiencing the signs of fiscal stress. The entity should review, in detail, any individual FHI identified as having a critical or cautionary outlook to determine areas of potential concern that would require evaluation of goals/objectives in order to ensure fiscal stability is maintained.

Important! Historically, based on entities that have been placed in fiscal distress (fiscal caution, fiscal watch or fiscal emergency) reporting under the **Generally Accepted Accounting Principles** (GAAP) basis of accounting:

- Entities may experience fiscal stress when at least six (6) critical (red) FHIs are reflected.
- Entities may experience fiscal stress in two to three years when at least eight (8) critical (red) and/or cautionary (yellow) FHIs are reflected.

The effects of implementation of GASB 68/75 for pensions/other post employment benefits have been removed from the applicable line items for consideration of Financial Health Indicators 1, 3, 13 and 16.

Please refer to the accompanying spreadsheet for calculation of the each Financial Health Indicator, the Financial Statement Data used in those calculations, and the type of audit opinion issued for audited financial statements.

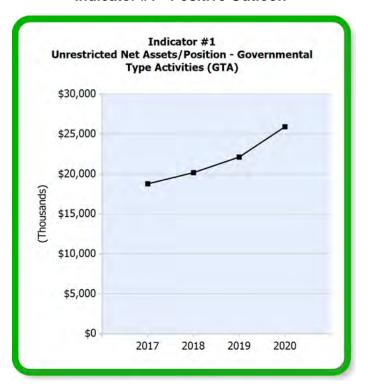
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Indicator #1 - Positive Outlook



<u>Unrestricted Net Assets/Position of Governmental Type</u> <u>Activities (GTA)</u>

Unrestricted net assets/position represents the portion of net position that has no related liabilities or restriction as to use.

Description of indicator and what it means:

This indicator identifies when an entity has a declining or negative unrestricted net assets/position.

Why is it important?

This indicator identifies if net assets/position is available for unrestricted purposes. Although unrestricted net assets/position may not be in liquid form, it is important to have net assets/position available and unrestricted as to use. If an entity's unrestricted net assets/position is declining or is negative, it leaves little or no room for unexpected expenses; and therefore, is a sign of fiscal stress.

Critical Outlook – Zero or negative amount **Cautionary Outlook** – Decline between the current and prior year by more than a 1%

Indicator #2 - Positive Outlook

Unassigned Fund Balance of the General Fund

Unassigned fund balance is the portion of fund balance that has no related liabilities or has not otherwise been obligated.

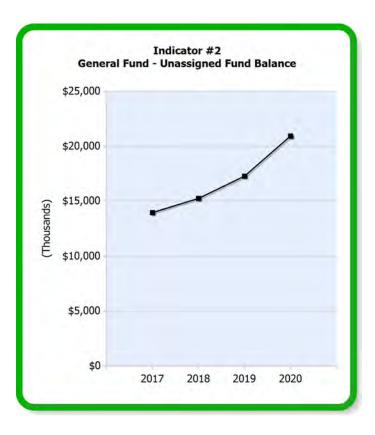
Description of indicator and what it means:

This indicator identifies when an entity has a declining or negative unassigned fund balance.

Why is it important?

This indicator identifies if fund balance is available for unrestricted purposes. Although unassigned fund balance may not be in liquid form, it is important to have fund balance available without restrictions as to use. If an entity's unassigned fund balance is declining or is negative, it leaves little or no room for unexpected expenses; and therefore, is a sign of fiscal stress.

Critical Outlook – Zero or negative amount
Cautionary Outlook – Decline between the current and prior
year by more than a 1%



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Indicator #3 - Positive Outlook

Change in Unrestricted Net Assets/Position - GTA

Description of indicator and what it means:

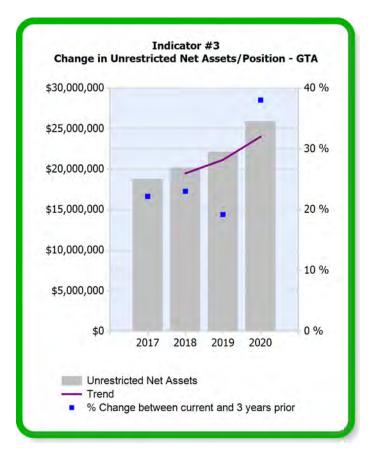
This indicator identifies changes (increases or decreases) in unrestricted net assets/position from the prior years to the current year and is useful in identifying local governments whose unrestricted net assets/position is deteriorating.

Why is it important?

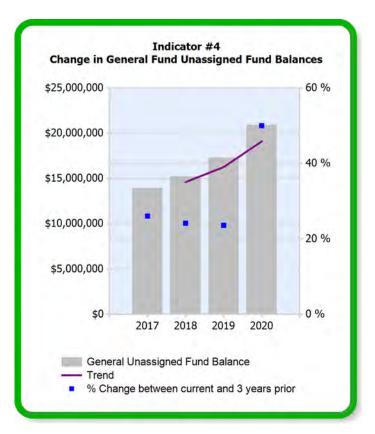
A declining unrestricted net assets/position can be a sign of fiscal stress. This indicator is important in identifying a trend of deteriorating unrestricted net assets/position as well as how rapidly it is deteriorating.

Critical Outlook – The current period and at least two of the previous three periods reflect a zero or negative amount **OR** a rapidly declining trend defined as a decline in each of the last 3 periods with a drop of greater than 20%

Cautionary Outlook – Declining trend defined as a decline in each of the last 3 periods with a drop of 10% to 20%



Indicator #4 - Positive Outlook



Change in General Fund Unassigned Fund Balances

Description of indicator and what it means:

This indicator identifies changes (increases or decreases) in unassigned general fund balance from the prior years to the current year and is useful in identifying local governments whose unassigned general fund balance is deteriorating.

Why is it important?

A declining unassigned general fund balance can be a sign of fiscal stress. This indicator is important in identifying a trend of deteriorating unassigned general fund balance as well as how rapidly it is deteriorating.

Critical Outlook – The current period and at least two of the previous three periods reflect a zero or negative amount **OR** a rapidly declining trend defined as a decline in each of the last 3 periods with a drop of greater than 20%

Cautionary Outlook – Declining trend defined as a decline in each of the last 3 periods with a drop of 10% to 20%

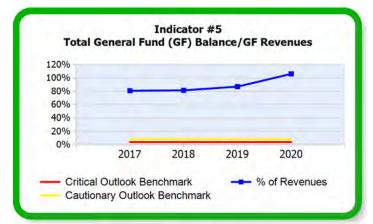
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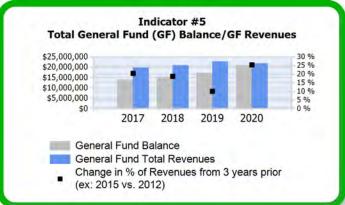




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Indicator #5 - Positive Outlook





Total General Fund (GF) Balance/GF Revenues

Description of indicator and what it means:

This indicator identifies reserves available in the General Fund. The larger the reserve the better the entity is able to absorb, in the short term, the impact of sudden revenue loss or significant increases in operating costs and begin planning financial adjustments.

Why is it important?

This indicator identifies a low reserve of fund balance even if Indicators 1 through 4 do not indicate negative unrestricted net assets/position or unassigned fund balance.

Critical Outlook – Negative percentage, very low percentage (<1/24th or 4%), **OR** if fund balance is less than a 2 month carryover (17%), a rapidly declining trend defined as a drop of 10% or greater over a 3 year period.

Cautionary Outlook – Low percentage (< 1/12th or 8%) OR if fund balance is less than a 2 month carryover (17%), a declining trend defined as a drop of 5% - 10% over a 3 year period OR if fund balance is less than 6 months (50%), a decline in each of the last 3 periods.

Indicator #6 - Positive Outlook

Decline in General Fund Property Tax Revenue

Description of indicator and what it means:

This indicator reflects the percentage change from year to year for property tax revenue.

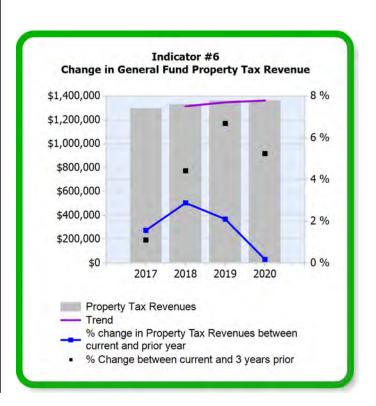
Why is it important?

This indicator reflects declines in property tax revenues and is an indication that an entity may be facing financial hardship due to declines in significant revenue sources. It also will reflect the need for additional sources of revenue to maintain stability.

Critical Outlook – If Property Tax Revenues represent 7-20% of Total General Fund Revenues(#), a trend of declining tax revenue over the last 3 years in excess of 20% OR if Property Tax Revenues represent greater than 20% of Total General Fund Revenues(#), a trend of declining tax revenue over the last 3 years in excess of 10%.

Cautionary Outlook –Decline in property tax revenue from the current to the prior year by more than 1%

- Please refer the accompanying data sheet for the calculation of the % of total revenue







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Indicator #7 - Cautionary Outlook

Decline in General Fund Income Tax Revenue

Description of indicator and what it means:

This indicator reflects the percentage change from year to year for income tax revenues.

Why is it important?

This indicator reflects declines in this revenue type and is an indication that an entity may be facing financial hardship due to declines in significant revenue sources. It also will reflect the need for additional sources of revenue to maintain stability.

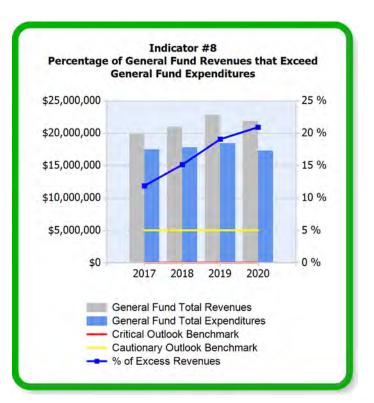
Critical Outlook – If Income Tax Revenues represent 7-20% of Total General Fund Revenues(#), a trend of declining tax revenue over the last 3 years in excess of 20% OR if Income Tax Revenues represent greater than 20% of Total General Fund Revenues(#), a trend of declining tax revenue over the last 3 years in excess of 10%

Cautionary Outlook – Decline in income tax revenue from the current to the prior year by more than 1%

- Please refer the accompanying data sheet for the calculation of the % of total revenue



Indicator #8 - Positive Outlook



Percentage of General Fund Revenues that Exceed General Fund Expenditures

Description of indicator and what it means:

This indicator is calculated as total General Fund revenues less total General Fund expenditures, divided by total General Fund revenues. It will provide an indication of operating deficits and the size of the operating deficit compared to the current year budget. An operating deficit is the difference between revenues and expenditures. If expenditures exceed revenues, an operating deficit exists.

Why is it important?

This indicator is important because it reflects if an operating deficit exists, but also emphasizes the size of the deficit as compared to the current year's budget. This is an indication of the shortage in the current budget. A trend of operating deficits indicates potential financial hardship.

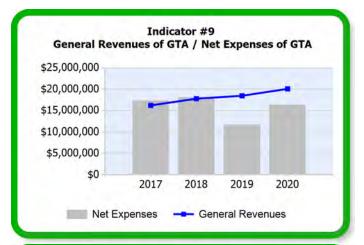
Critical Outlook – Negative percentage Cautionary Outlook – Low percentage (< 1/20th or 5%)

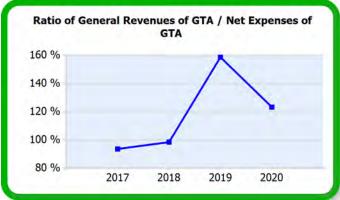




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Indicator #9 - Positive Outlook





General Revenues of GTA / Net Expenses of GTA

Description of indicator and what it means:

The ratio of this indicator reflects coverage of net expenses by general revenues. This indicator determines if, on a government-wide basis, expenses are exceeding revenues. For example, local taxes, unrestricted revenues (e.g. investment earnings) and unrestricted grants should be sufficient to meet expenses not covered by program revenues. Net Expense is total expense less program revenues. Program revenues include charges for services (e.g. fees and fines), operating grants and capital grants.

Why is it important?

This indicator is important to be aware if a shortage in revenues to cover expenses exists. A declining trend would indicate fiscal stress.

Critical Outlook – Ratio less than 100% Cautionary Outlook – Declining trend of at least 3 years

Indicator #10 - Positive Outlook

General Fund Intergovernmental Revenues as a Percentage of Total General Fund Revenues

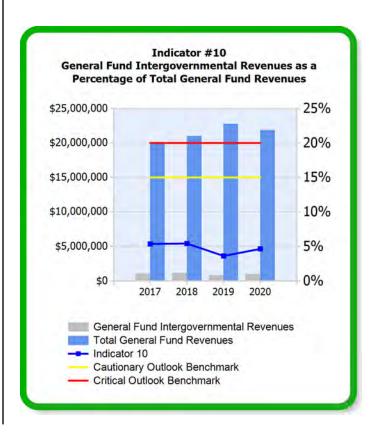
Description of indicator and what it means:

This indicator will reflect an over-reliance on intergovernmental revenues which are subject to state and federal budget cuts. A high percentage suggests the entity is heavily reliant on external governmental organizations for grants, entitlements, or shared revenues; and therefore, vulnerable to decreases in these revenue sources.

Why is it important?

It is important to be aware of the percentage of total revenues that are not considered "own-source," or local sources of revenue. Understanding the percentage of total revenues derived from intergovernmental sources is important when trying to maintain fiscal stability while dealing with an economic downturn.

Critical Outlook – Ratio greater than 20% Cautionary Outlook – Ratio between 15% - 20%







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Indicator #11 - Cautionary Outlook

Condition of Capital Assets

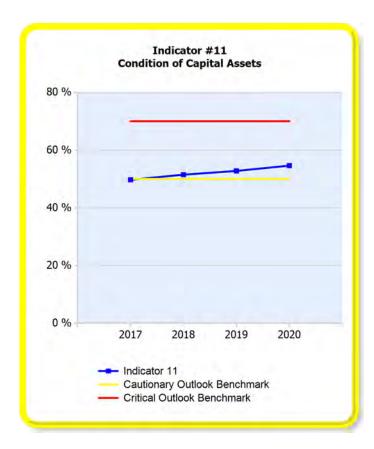
Description of indicator and what it means:

This indicator is accumulated depreciation as a percentage of depreciable capital assets. This indicator will identify apparent situations in which repair or replacement of the local government's capital assets will be necessary. A high percentage indicates capital assets replacement is imminent, and the entity may be delaying replacement of capital assets or significant repairs for cash flow purposes.

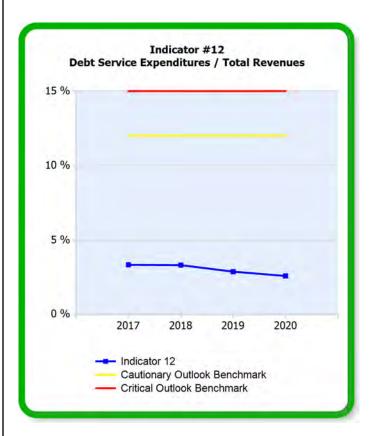
Why is it important?

When an entity delays improving or replacing capital assets in order to maintain cash flows for other purposes, improvements and replacements become absolutely necessary and may contribute to financial hardship on an already strained budget.

Critical Outlook – Ratio greater than 70% Cautionary Outlook – Ratio between 50% - 70%



Indicator #12 - Positive Outlook



Debt Service Expenditures / Total Revenues

Description of indicator and what it means:

This indicator is total debt service expenditures divided by total revenues (for all governmental funds). This indicator identifies the percentage of the budget used/needed for repayment of debt.

Why is it important?

Higher debt service expenditures to total revenues is unfavorable since the entity spends more of its current budget on debt repayment. An increasing trend of debt service expenditures to total revenues may mean the percentage of budget dedicated to debt payments is increasing; and therefore, less revenue will be available for capital asset repair/replacement or meeting current operating demands.

Critical Outlook – Ratio greater than 15% Cautionary Outlook – Ratio between 12% - 15%

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Average Daily Expenses or Expenditures Ratio (Indicators 13, 14 & 15)

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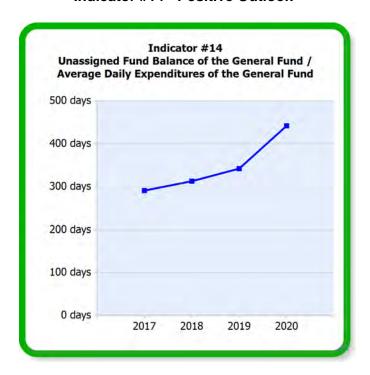
Indicators 13, 14 and 15 identify the number of days the local government's unrestricted net assets/position, unassigned fund balance, and cash and investments will sustain the entity. The indicators are based on the daily average expenses/expenditures.

Why is it important?

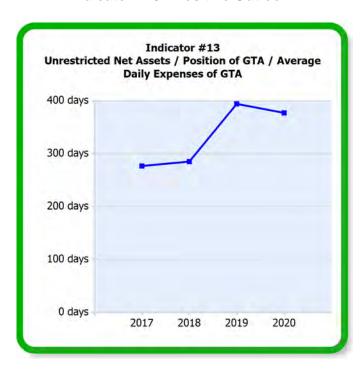
These indicators are important because they identify the number of days the entity may operate using their unrestricted net assets/position, unassigned fund balance, and cash and investments. The fewer days the entity can operate, the more financial stress they are under. These indicators provide an early indication of an entity's need to adjust their financial/expenditure planning.

Critical Outlook – Zero days or below Cautionary Outlook – Less than 30 days

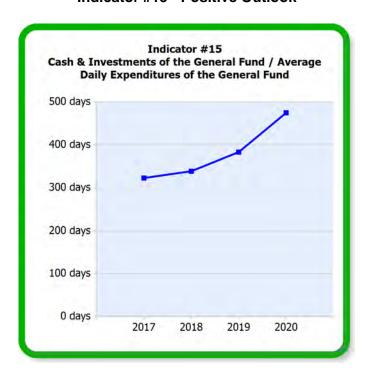
Indicator #14 - Positive Outlook



Indicator #13 - Positive Outlook



Indicator #15 - Positive Outlook



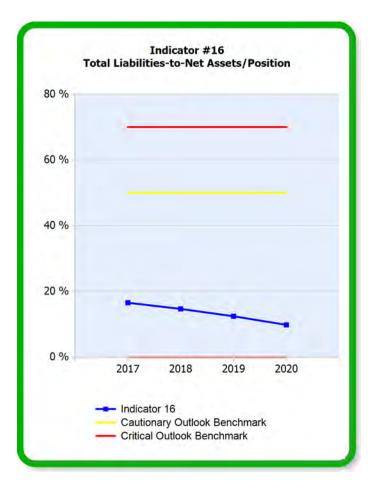
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Indicator #16 - Positive Outlook



Total Liabilities-to-Net Assets/Position

Description of indicator and what it means:

This indicator is the ratio of total liabilities of GTA divided by total net assets/position of GTA and indicates the percentage of every dollar of resources available for providing public services that is owed by the entity.

Why is it important?

This indicator identifies entities that are overextended in terms of the percentage of every dollar which is owed to others.

Critical Outlook – Negative ratio (which indicates negative net assets) OR ratio greater than 70%

Cautionary Outlook – Ratio between 50% - 70%

Indicator #17 - Not Applicable (Preliminary Report)

Budgetary Non-Compliance and/or Unreconciled/Unauditable Financial Records?

Description of indicator and what it means:

This indicator identifies if an entity's recent audit reports include budgetary non-compliance and/or unreconciled/unauditable financial records. Results are presented for the four (4) most recently audited years; however, the indicator #17 determination is only based on the current and prior two (2) audited years.

Why is it important?

This indicator will reflect if an entity is not complying with Ohio budgetary law and/or proper accounting methods. Maintaining accurate, reconciled accounting records and adherence to Ohio budgetary law is a significant factor in maintaining fiscal stability.

Critical Outlook – Direct and material audit finding(s) described above for the current and prior two audit years

Cautionary Outlook – Direct and material audit finding(s) described above for the current audited year

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FHI Definitions

Critical Outlook:

The more serious of the outcomes of the FHI analysis. An indicator with a Critical Outlook signals a potential high risk of fiscal stress. The entity should review the cause of the Critical Outlook indicator and consider steps necessary to alleviate the condition.

Cautionary Outlook:

Although not as serious as an FHI with a Critical Outlook, an indicator with a Cautionary Outlook signals a situation of which the entity should be aware. The entity should review the cause of the Cautionary Outlook indicator since, left unchecked, it could develop into a Critical Outlook indicator.

Positive Outlook:

This entity does not meet a Critical or Cautionary Outlook as defined above.

Not Applicable:

This entity did not report data for this indicator or the data for determination of the indicator is unavailable.

QUESTIONS?

More detailed information regarding the Financial Health Indicators can be found on our website at https://ohioauditor.gov/FHI/default.html

If you have additional questions, please email: FHIndicators@ohioauditor.gov

or contact:

Ohio Auditor of State's Office 88 E. Broad St. Columbus, Ohio 43215

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PROPOSAL

American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)

City of Vandalia

ARPA Tranche		2021		2022
		785,475.82	\$ 7	85,475.82
	Project Year			
Item / Program		2021-2022	2	022-2023
Playground - Sports Complex	\$	(225,000)		
Covid-19 Small Business Relief Grant	\$	(200,000)		
Cassel Hills Golf Course - Restroom Facility	\$	(75,000)		
Art Park - Restroom Facility	\$	(75,000)		
Public Safety Bonus (PO / FF/ PSS - \$1,000 FT, \$500 PT)	\$	(70,500)		
Touchless Doorways, Fountains, Sinks, Toilets - VRC, Justice Ctr., et. al.	\$	(31,000)	\$	(45,000)
Enclosure Improvements at Bus Stops, Benches, Trash Cans	\$	(30,000)	\$	(30,000)
Youth Recreation Scholarships - Dayton Foundation	\$	(20,000)		
Air Purification System - Senior Center	\$	(20,000)		
Food Pantry - Emergency Fund	\$	(15,000)	\$	(15,000)
Solar Cell Charging Stations - Parks	\$	(12,000)		
Personal Protective Equipment - Fire / Police	\$	(5,000)	\$	(5,000)
Microphone & Transmitter - Fitness at VRC	\$	(5,000)		
Ultraviolent Disinfectant Lights - Fire	\$	(1,975)		
Playground - Helke			\$	(225,000)
Playground - Accessible Partnership Robinette Park			\$	(225,000)
Paving and Utilities Placeholder			\$	(240,475)
Total Allocated:	\$	785,475	\$	785,475

Updated:August 6, 2021



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MONTHLY STATISTICS MEMORANDUM

TO: ALL PERSONNEL

FROM: CHAD FOLLICK, FIRE CHIEF

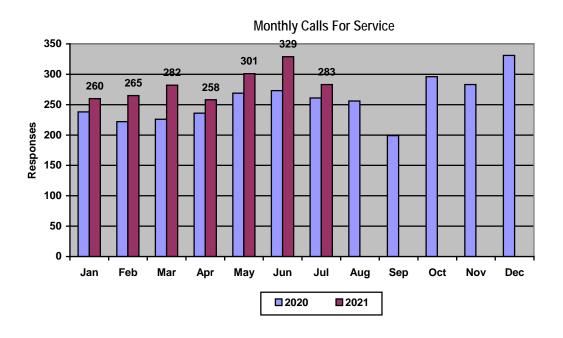
SUBJECT: STATISTICS JULY 2021

DATE: 8/6/2021

CC: DAN WENDT, CITY MANAGER

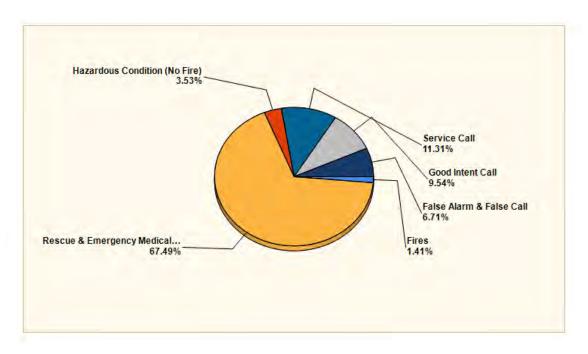
CALLS FOR SERVICE (1645)

The Division of Fire responded on $\underline{283}$ calls for service in July ($\underline{191}$ EMS calls and $\underline{92}$ fire calls). An average of approximately nine $\underline{9}$ calls for service per day.



A statistic that we can track now is how many of our calls for service overlapped (or occurred simultaneously) during this evaluation period. In July, we had $\underline{64}$ calls for service that overlapped, approximately 23% of the call volume.

Crews responded to 283 calls for service in July the chart below outlines call types (Report 553):



The Major Incident Types in July were (% of the total call volume/month):

- 1. Rescue & Emergency Medical Calls (67%) All the Division of Fire Emergency Medical calls including any motor vehicle/pedestrian accident (with/without injuries) and/or any technical rescue response.
- 2. Customer Service Calls (11%) These are calls for service where fire crews are directly assisting a customer with a specific issue/problem (i.e., strange odors, smoke detector/CO detector installations and/or battery change outs, etc.).
- 3. Good Intent Calls (10%) Smoke scares, steam/fog mistaken for smoke, false alarms not malicious.
- 4. Fire Alarm Calls (7%) This type call includes malfunctioning fire alarms, intentional/unintentional false alarms, or calls where someone called to report an issue that turned out to not be an emergency (illegal burning, smells/sight of smoke or fire, or steam confused for smoke).
- 5. Hazardous Condition (4%) These are calls for service where fire crews are responding to natural gas/CO investigations, fuel/oil spills, and/or arching or downed electrical lines.
- 6. Fires (1%) Crews responded on one reported dollar loss fire in July, a passenger vehicle fire on Northwoods. Dollar loss estimated at \$3000.00.

MUTUAL AID/JOINT RESPONSE DATA (1616 & 1754)

In July, the Division of Fire provided mutual aid on nine **(9)** occasions and we received mutual aid on four **(4)** occasions.

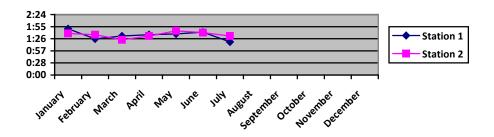
In July, we received a "joint response" from Butler Fire/EMS on (33) occasions and we provided Butler with a "joint response" resource on (32) occasions.

Department	Mutual Aid Received	Mutual Aid Provided	Joint Response Received	Joint Response Provided	
Butler Fire (57-101)	(1754)	(1616)	32	33	
Brookville (57-003)					
Bethel Miami (55-221)					
Clayton Fire (57-121)					
Dayton Fire (57-011)					
Dayton Airport (57-002)		3			
Englewood (57-001)		1			
Harrison Fire (57-107)					
Huber Fire (57-125)	4	2			
*Riverside Fire (57-115)					
Union Fire/EMS (57-122)					
Trotwood Fire (57-113)					
Tipp Fire/EMS (55-027)		3			
Totals	4	9			

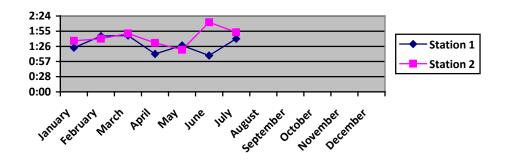
RESPONSE TIMES

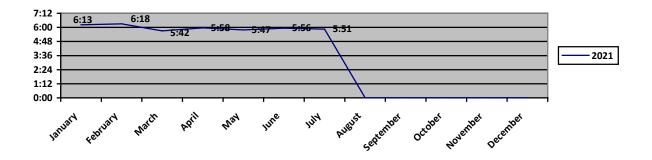
The average turnout time in July was $\underline{1:35}$ and the average response time in July was $\underline{5:56}$.

Turnout Times EMS Calls For Service By Fire Stations



Turnout Times Fire Calls For Service By Fire Stations

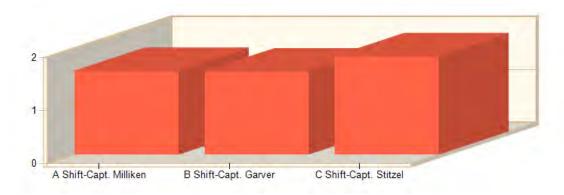




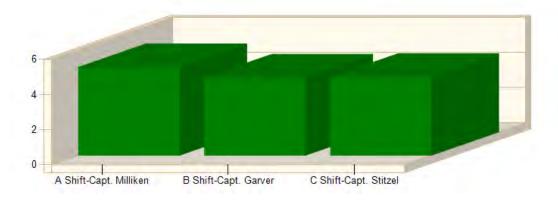
Average Turnout Time by Shift

Congratulations to "B" shift who has the best overall turnout time (1:34) and response time (4:43) in July.

Keep up the good work we are seeing the impact in everyone making an effort to improve turnout and overall response times, thank you!

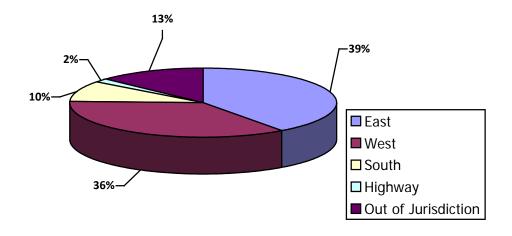


SHIFT	AVERAGE TURNOUT TIME as MM: SS (Dispatch to en-route)
A Shift – Captain Milliken	1:35
B Shift- Captain Garver	1:34
C Shift- Captain Miller	1:52

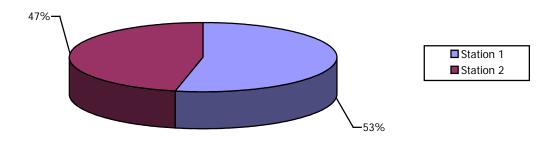


SHIFT	AVERAGE RESPONSE TIME (min) (Dispatch to Arrive)
A Shift-Capt. Milliken	5:02
B Shift-Capt. Garver	4:43
C Shift-Capt. Miller	4:46

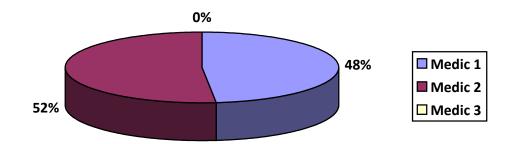
CALLS FOR SERVICE BY DISTRICT (Report 972)



CALLS FOR SERVICE BY FIRE STATION (Report 1180)



TRANSPORTS BY MEDIC UNIT/MONTH (1645)



TRAINING (Reports 1623)

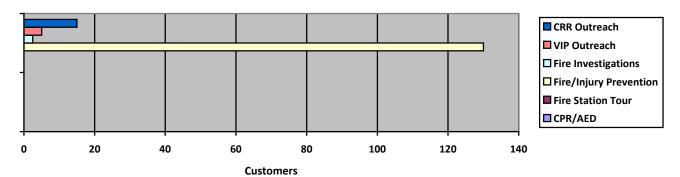
Fire/EMS crews participated in <u>104</u> hours of training in July, topics included:

- 1. EMS Topics-Trauma & MCI Training
- 2. Technical Rescue- Confine Space & Rope Rescue

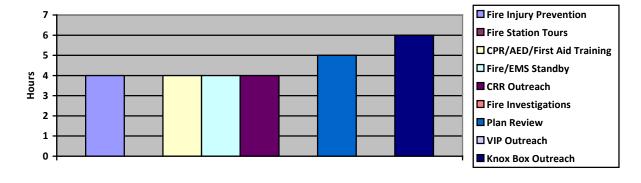
FIRE PREVENTION, COMMUNITY RISK REDUCTION & OUTREACH ACTIVITIES (Report 753)

We are starting to schedule outreach activities to report in July

Customer Contacts



Man, Hours Involved in Fire Prevention





August 4, 2021

Business Owner Business Name XX North American Blvd. Vandalia, OH 45377 The City of Vandalia works hard to maintain the roads carrying drivers through the City. Each year the City selects a number of city streets to be resurfaced as a part of our "Safe and Stable" program. In 2021, North Dixie Drive from National Road to just north of Inverness Avenue will be resurfaced.

As a part of this program, the city will be installing a landscaped median in the center of Dixie Drive. This median will be surrounded by a curb and will be landscaped to look similar to the medians already installed on South Dixie Drive. To accommodate this median, pavement markings will need to be changed to maintain two lanes of traffic in each direction.

Currently, on street parking is permitted on the east side of Dixie Drive in front of the commercial properties between Skyview Drive and Inverness Avenue. With the proposed improvements this parking will no longer be permitted as that section of the pavement will become a lane of travel for northbound traffic.

The median project was approved by City Council in 2019, but was scheduled for 2021 to coincide with the planned resurfacing of Dixie Drive taking place this summer. Attached are two maps illustrating the current traffic marking and the proposed improvements.

Thank you for your patience and cooperation as we work to improve the appearance and traffic flow along North Dixie Drive.

Sincerely,

Rob Cron

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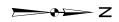
www.vandaliaohio.org

Proposed Median & Pavement Markings - N. Dixie Drive City of Vandalia - Montgomery County, Ohio





N. Dixie Drive



1 inch = 80 feet

- Existing on-street parking areas will be eliminated





Purpose 1

- Feedback from citizens indicated that residents desire a more pedestrian-friendly business corridor (2011 Comp Plan Supplement, 2020 Comp Plan)
- Proactively evaluate ways to improve safety along National Road
- Reduce vehicular speed
- Promote connectivity

Timeline

- Kicked-off in 2019
- Project experienced delays due to COVID-19, however this allowed us time to explore multiple options to improve safety
- Funding cycles for 2020 were active at 90% funding, 10% local match. We opted to defer to submit until Spring 2021 in hopes of 100% funding returning
- Spring 2021 funding cancelled
- Submitting for Fall 2021 ODOT Highway Safety funding cycle for 90% funding

Overall Strategy

- ✓ Reduce speed limit from 35 MPH to 25 MPH
- Conduct Safety Study and apply for funding
- Adapt roadway
- Make National Road safer for travel by vehicles, cyclists, and pedestrians

Process





Existing Conditions: National Road from Dixie Drive to Ranchview Drive

• Traffic (2019)

AADT: 18,309 vpd

• Midday Peak: 12:00 - 1:00 -1577 vph

PM Peak: 4:30 - 5:30 p.m. - 1612 vph

798 trucks per day

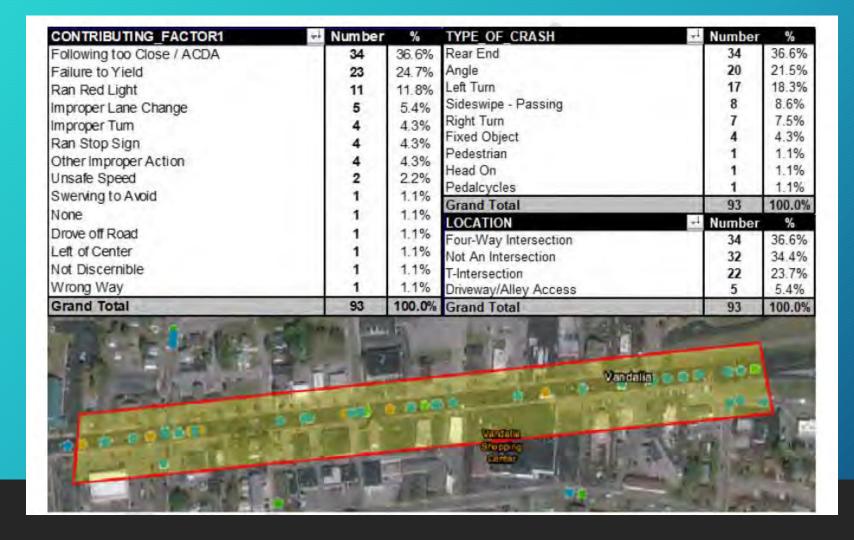
Speed

- Speed limit reduced from 35 to 25 MPH in March 2019
- Traffic counts in June 2019 indicate only 13.6% of drivers driving at or below new speed limit



Crash Data: National Road from Dixie Drive to Ranchview Drive

- Total of 93 crashes observed in between 2017-2019
- 39 crashes occurred at the National/Dixie intersection
- 27 injury crashes
- 66 property damage only crashes
- Speeding contributed to 38.8% of the total crashes
- Signal phasing/timing contributed to 36.5% of crashes



Crash Data Observations (2017, 2018, 2019)

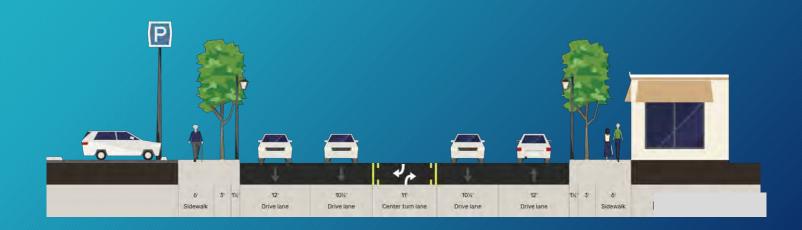
Traffic Calming

- ✓ Lower the speed limit
- Physical Improvements:
 - Right-size the road
 - Raised Intersections
 - Drivable median
 - High visibility crosswalks

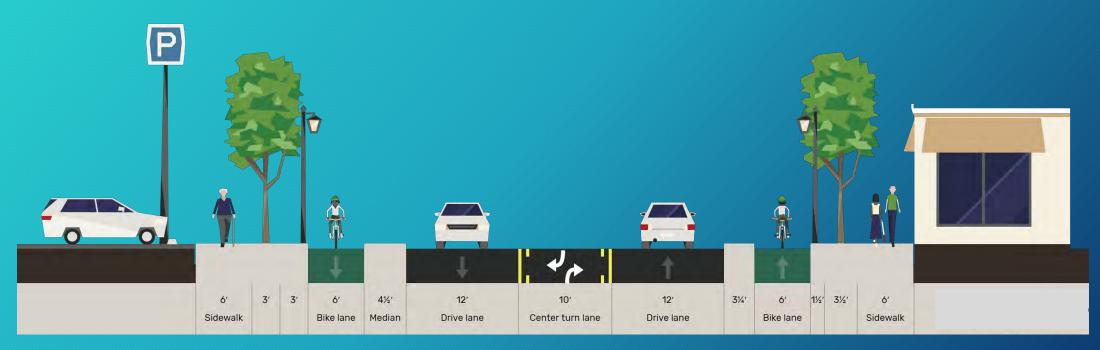
Right Sizing the Road

- Narrower lanes provide natural traffic calming
- Typical lane widths in Business Districts can be as narrow as 10-feet
- Creates a feeling of safety for pedestrians

East National Road (Existing Conditions)



East National Road



Conceptual rendering only with road diet applied

Raised Intersection

- Appropriate along 25 MPH roadways
- May be installed in tandem with other calming measures
- Shown to reduce crashes at intersections at the same rate as roundabouts with 5% of the cost
- Can be installed in manner to limit or avoid intersection closures during construction





Two-Way Center Turn Lane Treatment

- Acts as a disincentive for drivers to use center turn lane as a through lane in road diet scenario
- Slightly raised, stamped concrete "rumbles" when driven over
- Red color acts to calm traffic by defining lanes
- Color can be made to match existing streetscape for cohesiveness

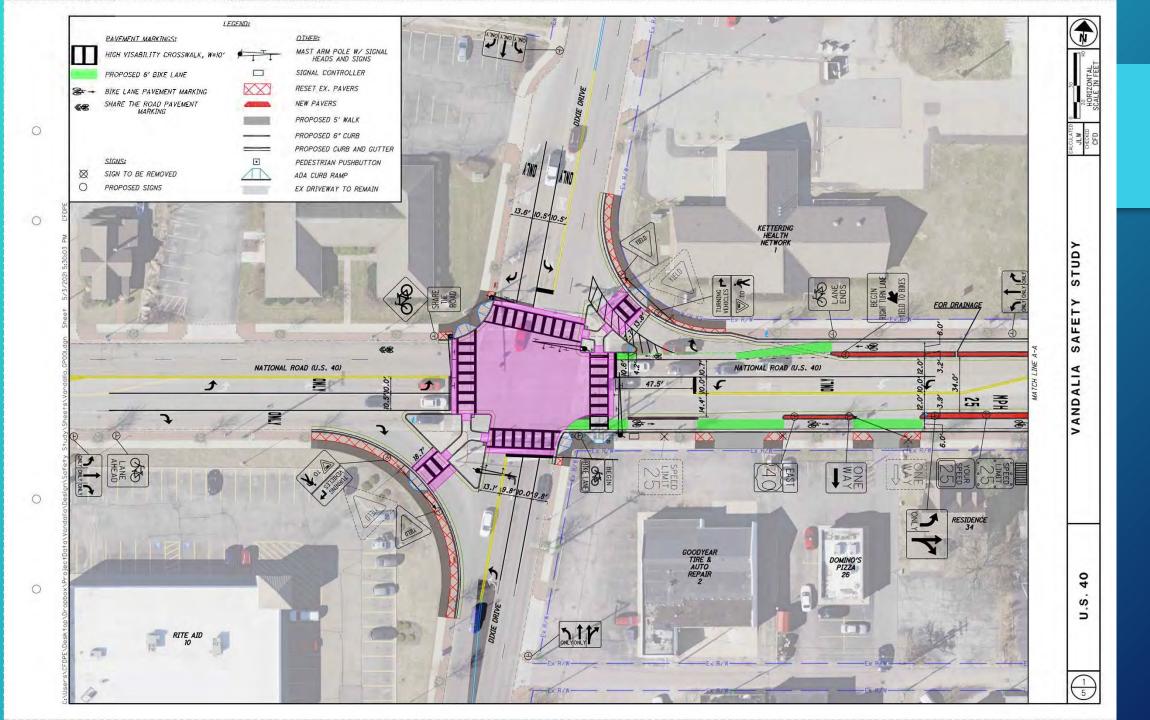


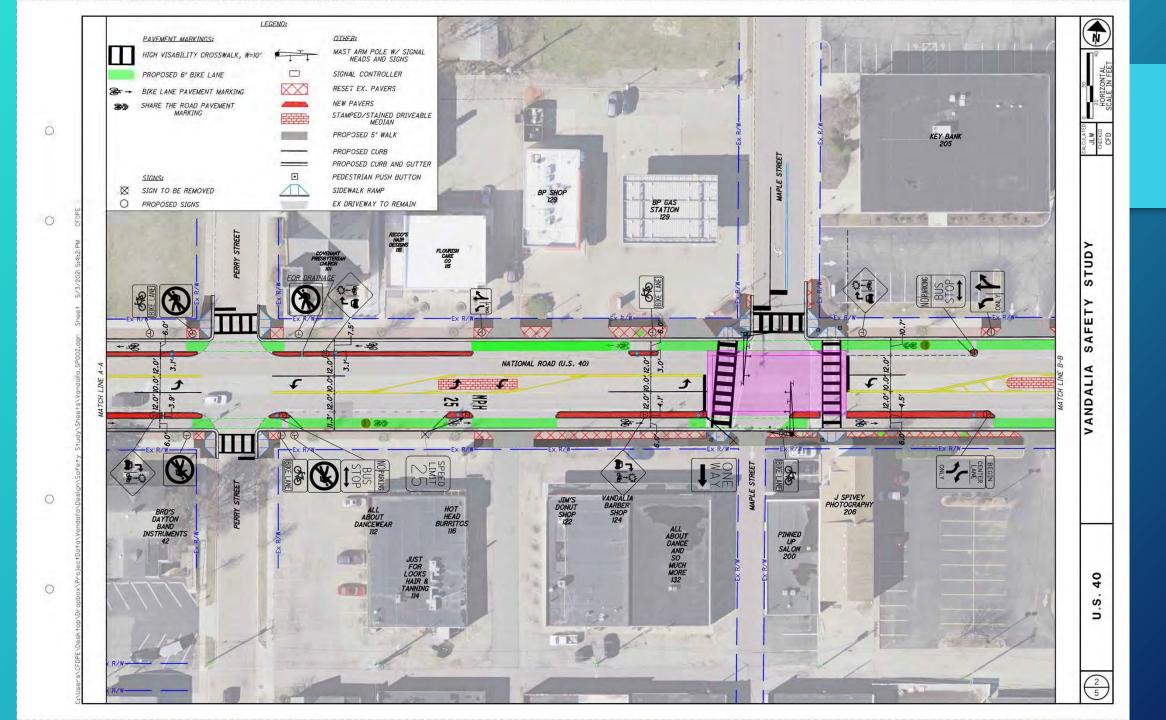
Wooster Pike in Fairfax, OH

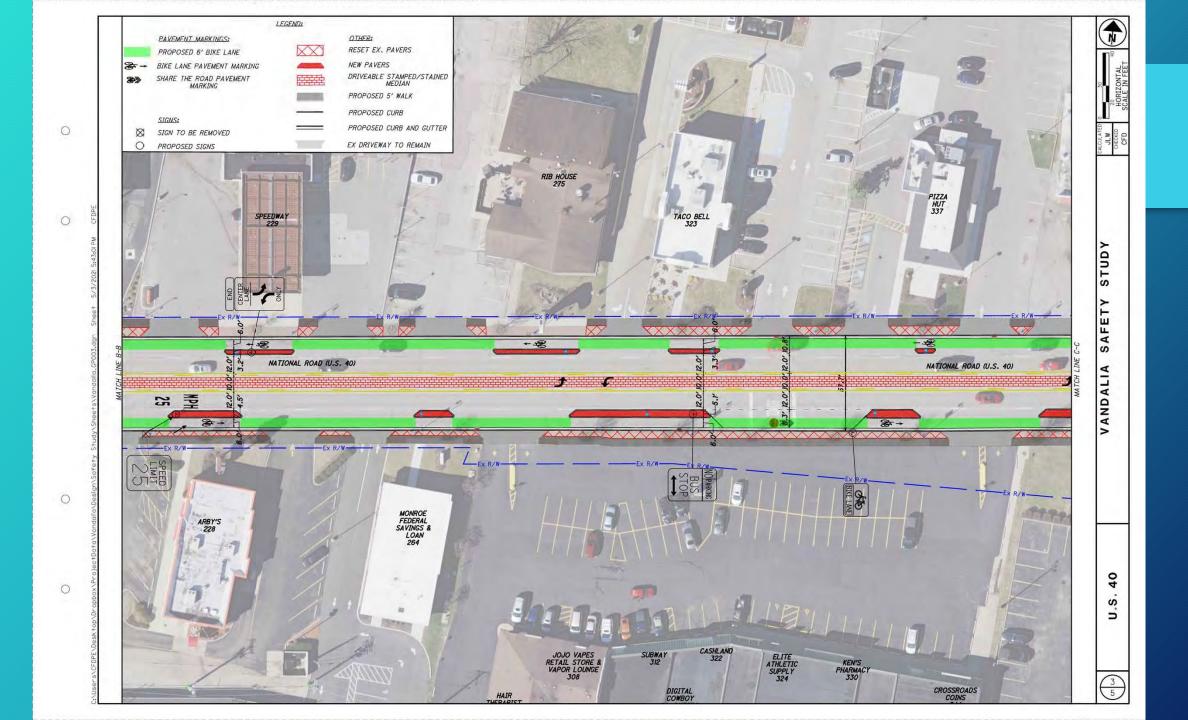
High Visibility Crosswalk

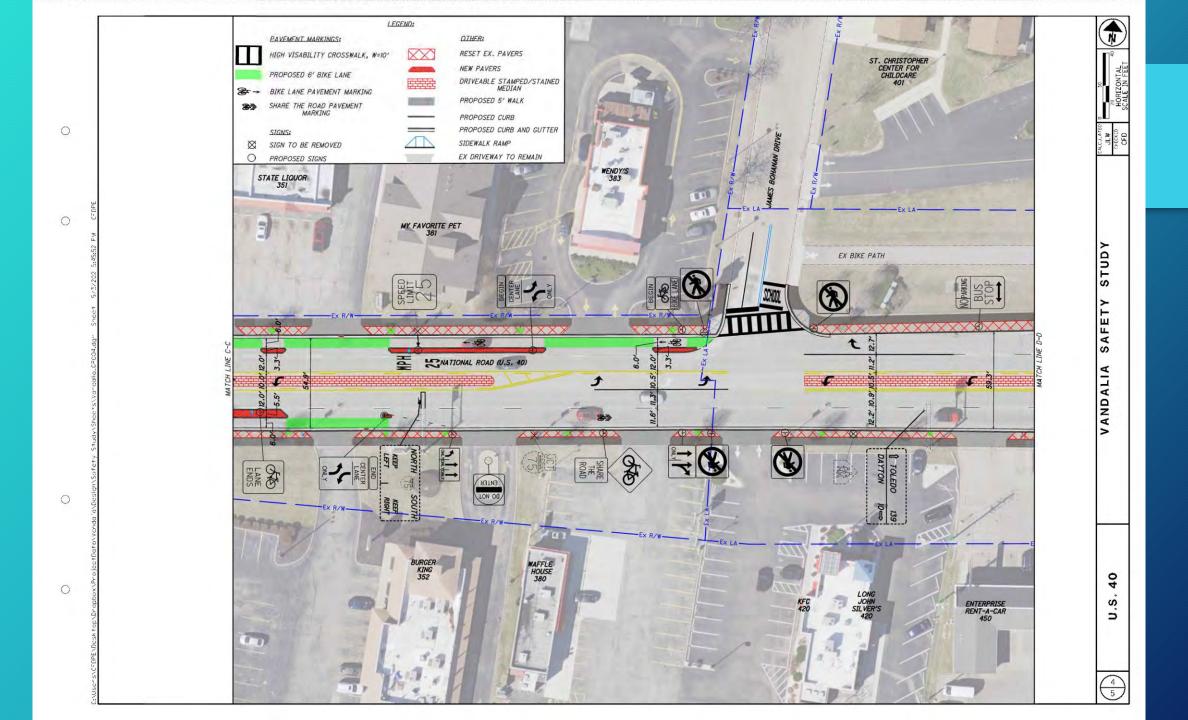
- Piano-key style thermoplastic material
- Installed at all signaled locations
- Can be raised or flat
- Low-cost with high benefits

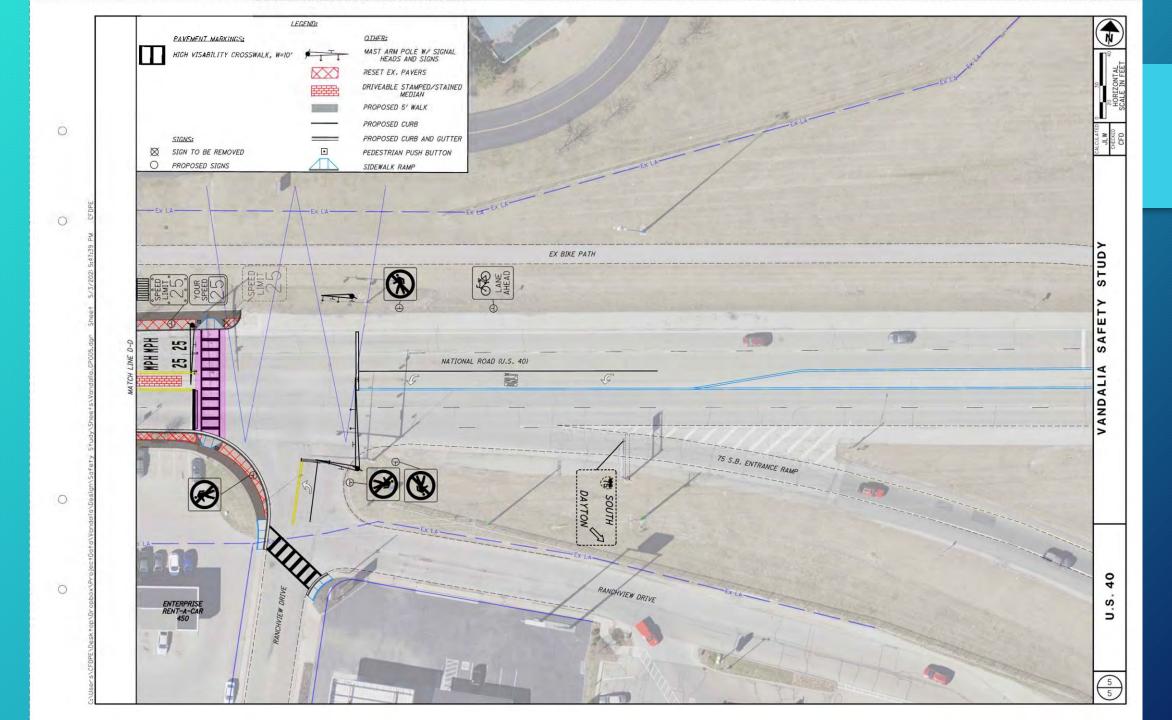












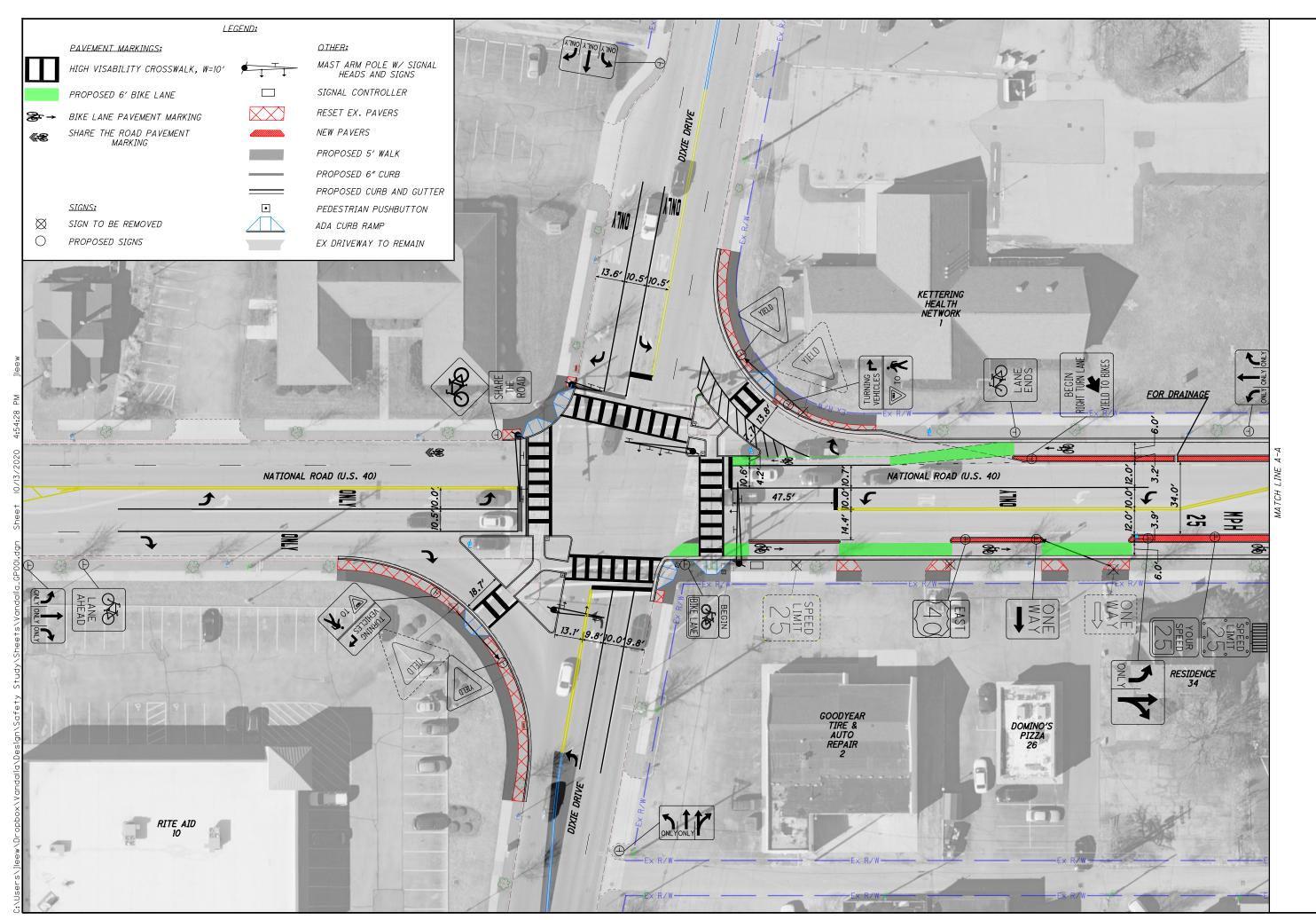
Benefits

- Primary:
 - Reduce crashes
 - Increase safety for pedestrians, bicyclists, & motor vehicles
 - Placemaking
- Secondary:
 - Discourage commercial truck traffic
 - Increased visibility for businesses
 - Connect eastern Vandalia to Downtown by bicycle
 - Cohesive design to play off existing streetscape

Next Steps

- Share proposal with National Road businesses to build coalition
- Gather letters of support from businesses and stakeholders
- Consultant finalizes report and submits to ODOT by September 1
- ODOT reviews applications in September

Questions?



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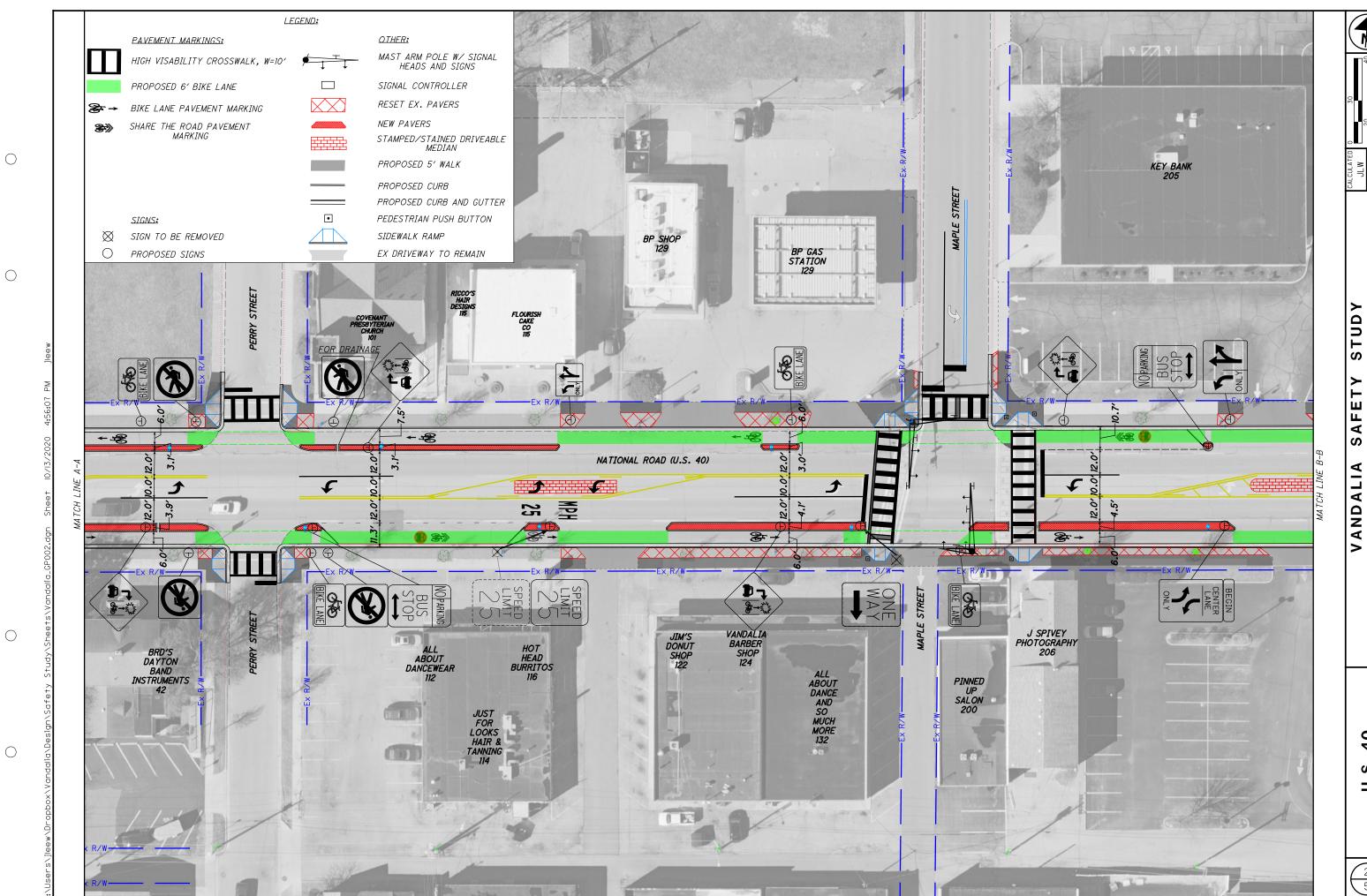
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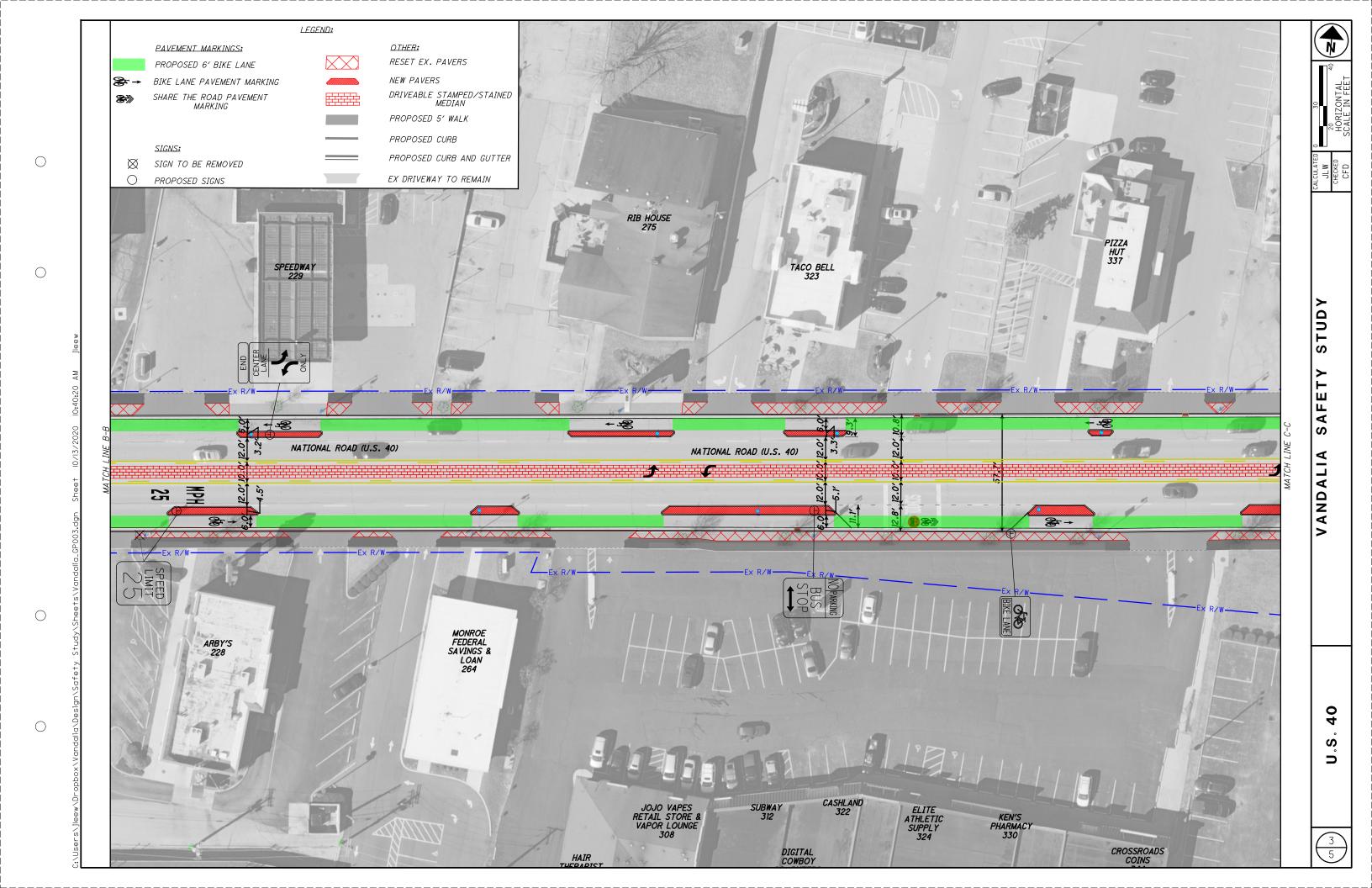
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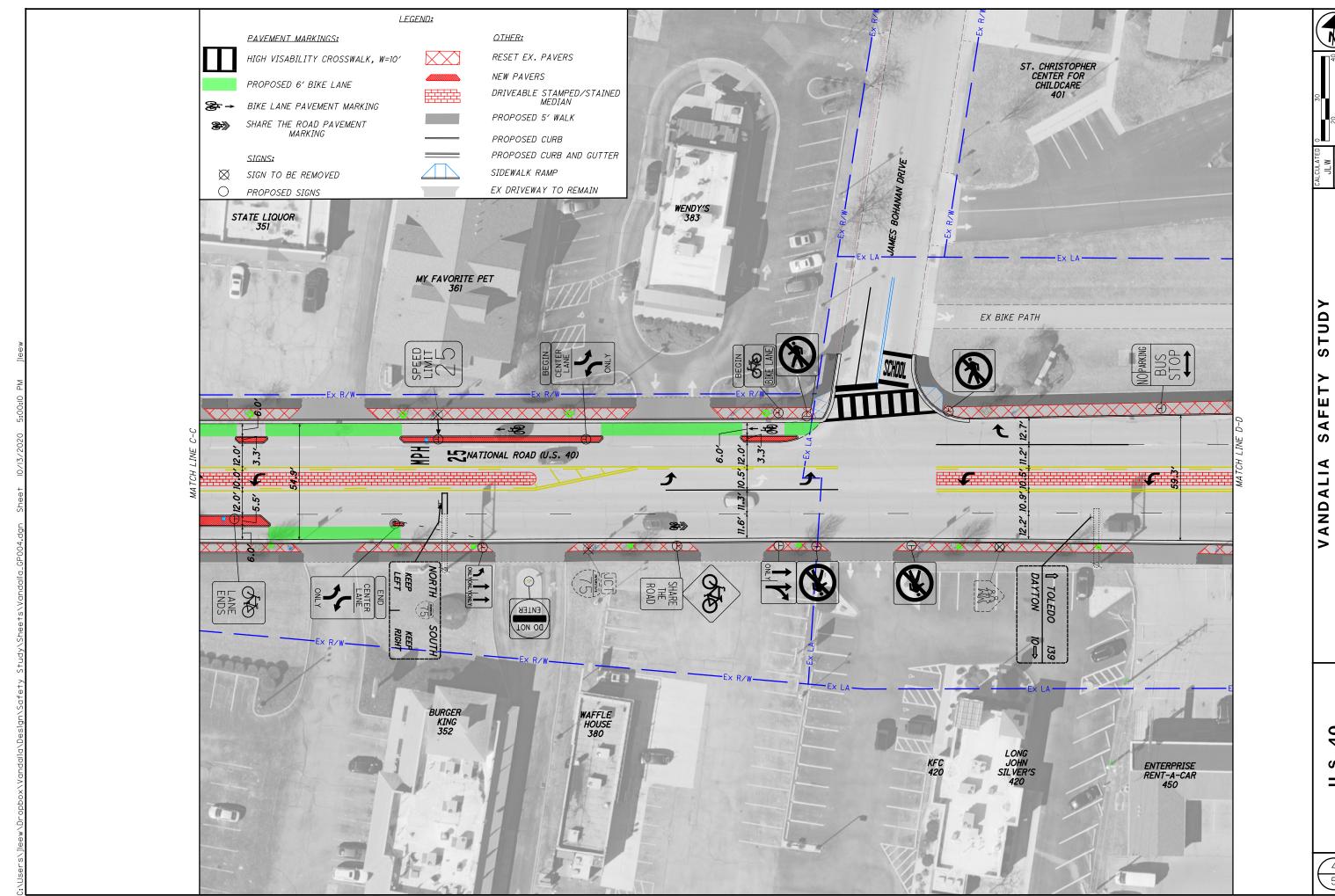
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