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Plan News

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TRANSIT UPDATES



MITS: has started replacing its paratransit van fleet by purchasing propane-powered vans. The purchase of such a van using FY 2015 FTA funds has been planned. MITS has also planned for propane refueling tank/equipment on their property.

MITS: everything is in place to use FY 2015 STP federal funds flexed to FTA toward sidewalk improvements in downtown Muncie. The proposed sidewalk improvements are consistent with the City's ADA Plan for making sidewalks accessible to those with disabilities.

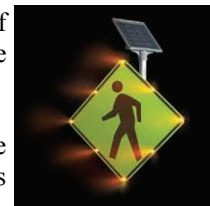
New Inter-Urban Rural Transit Service Fare Structure: The multi-county transit service provided by LifeStream Services has experienced a slight decrease in ridership in spite of changing the fare-structure to encourage people to ride. The change to lower single fares and dropping monthly passes helps to encourage more people to try the transit service and possibly increase trips.

Hillcroft Services: Hillcroft is pursuing an FTA Section 5310 grant for the purchase of transit vans to use in Delaware County and the region nearby. The non-profit provision of transportation is helped by securing and replacing the vans so the fleets used for travel to programs don't disappear by attrition.

RIVERSIDE AVENUE PEDESTRIAN CONCERNS

A meeting of the Westview Neighborhood was held on February 11, 2015. An item of concern discussed was the presence of speeding cars in a street section that has bike and pedestrian traffic, especially children.

The possibility of a speed table, a flashing pedestrian crossing and other ideas were discussed as possible solutions to the dangers existing there. The need for sidewalks along Riverside Avenue to separate pedestrian traffic from car traffic was noted.



A speed table is a raised segment of road around twenty feet in length that encourages traffic to slow down to 20-25 mph when tires bump into it and drop off of it. Such a reduced-speed table can be made more effective if it doubles as a pedestrian crosswalk. The City is planning to take a closer look at the options mentioned, design safety improvements for the area, and bring the proposed improvements back to the Westview Neighborhood Association for more input.

FY 2016-19 DELAWARE MUNCIE TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Work has begun toward the development of an FY 2016-19 Delaware Muncie Transportation Improvement Program (DMTIP). Information on continuing projects, desired projects and financial information is being collected to use in this document. An April 9th public meeting in the Commissioners' Courtroom at 5 pm, the April 9th Technical Advisory Committee 10 am meeting in the County Building and the April 15th meeting of the Transportation Policy Committee at 1:30 pm the Mayor's Office will provide an opportunity for public input. The May committee meetings will be used to complete the project selection, prioritizing and local approval process.

List of FY 2016-19 DMTIP Local Projects continued from previous TIP:

- 2016 - Reconstruct Neely Ave from New York Ave to Wheeling Avenue.
- Intersection and enhancement improvements for Nebo Road at SR 332.
 - Construct a roundabout for Jackson Street at Nebo Road.
 - Construct bicycle /pedestrian trail along River Road west of Morrison Road.
 - Construct trailhead, boardwalk, an ATV area, for a trail at Prairie Creek Reservoir.
 - Construct bicycle /pedestrian trail along White River on Muncie Central H. S. property.
 - Sign replacements in Muncie, Indiana for FHWA retro-reflectivity requirements.
 - Replacement of Bridge #85, Strong-800E over Mississinewa River.
 - Remove Bridge #226, CR 419E over Cardinal Greenway Bicycle / Pedestrian Trail.
- 2017 - Reconstruction of Wheeling Avenue from Centennial Avenue to McGalliard Road.
- Rehabilitation of Bridge #516, Tillotson Avenue over White River.
 - Delaware County Bridge Reinspection Study & Report Update.
 - Rehabilitation of Bridge #161, CR 170S over White River.
 - Sign replacement for the Town of Eaton to meet FHWA sign retro-reflectivity requirements.
- 2018 - Extend Everbrook Lane from SR 332 to Bethel Avenue, including new sidewalks.
Bridge #141, Tiger Drive over White River: bridge rehabilitation and bicycle/ pedestrian path.
Trail work near SR 32 for White River Corridor & Cardinal Greenway bicycle /pedestrian trails.
- 2019 – Reconstruct Wheeling Avenue from Riverside Avenue to Centennial Avenue.

List of FY 2016-19 DMTIP State Projects continued from previous TIP:

- 2016 - Modernization of Interstate weigh stations on I-65, I-69, I-70, and I-74.
Rehabilitation of US 35 bridges over Muncie Creek, south of Riggins Road.
Upgrade of SR 67 at Norfolk Southern Railroad crossing, east of Cowan Road.
- 2017 - Replacement of SR 32 Bridge over White River east of downtown Muncie
- Repaving of SR 67 from SR 28 (S Junction) to SR 167.
- Clean, blast and repaint SR 332 bridges in Delaware County.
- Statewide weigh station construction.
- Small structure (culvert) work on SR 32 east of Selma
- Small structure (culvert) work on SR 3 north of Royerton
- Pipe lining work for culvert on Macedonia Avenue north of Fuson Road.
- Bridge deck overlay work for I-69 over Pleasant Run Creek, south of SR 332.
- Bridge deck overlay work for CR 100S over I-69.
- Raising Burlington Drive Bridge over US 35.
- Intersection improvements for SR 28 at SR 67 (south junction).
- Pipe lining work for US 35 culvert north of SR 32.
- 2018 - SR 332 at CR 500W intersection improvements involving added turn lanes.