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Curb Ramp Reconstruction To Begin Along Powell Road

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Powell, OH: Fall in Powell typically means cooler temperatures, scenic views along winding bike paths and the City's annual Community Bonfire. But for the City's Engineering Department, this fall also marks the beginning of curb ramp reconstruction along SR 750 (Powell Road).

The work, which is scheduled to be ongoing in September and October and completed by late fall, is being done in preparation for the Ohio Department of Transportation's resurfacing of SR 750 in 2009.

"We're reconstructing the curb ramps to be ADA compliant," said City Engineer Rob Rice, referring to the Americans with Disabilities Act. "There may be some lane closures during the reconstruction, but no full road closures. Traffic will be maintained throughout."

Rice said the road is being resurfaced from corporate limit to corporate limit; similar work was last done more than 10 years ago. The curb ramp reconstruction is required by ODOT as part of the preparation for the resurfacing project. Eight intersections containing curb ramps have been identified for reconstruction within that stretch of roadway.

One area where curb ramps will not be reconstructed is at the four corners intersection in the heart of downtown Powell. Rice said that work likely will be part of a larger, more complete reconstruction of the intersection in the next three to five years.

"This could, undoubtedly, include the installation of turn lanes on (possibly) all four approaches, along with the reconstruction of the streetscape," Rice said. "City officials have determined that, in all likelihood, a complete redesign of this intersection is the best long-term solution. It did not appear reasonable to fund (curb ramp reconstruction) in 2008, only to remove and entirely reconstruct it in the near future. So, City staff decided to request of ODOT that they exclude the limits of the four corners intersection from the resurfacing project."

ODOT will be bidding the resurfacing project over the winter, and it likely will not begin until spring at the earliest. Money for the curb ramp reconstruction has been set aside in the City's budget, and a contract for the project was awarded to Decker Construction Company at the Aug. 19 City Council meeting.

Anyone with questions regarding the reconstruction project may call the City's Engineering Department or Public Information Officer Jeff Robinson at 614-885-5380.

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