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RE: CITY OF BARBERTON RECIEVES \$2,591,304 IN SAFETY FUNDS FOR WOOSTER RD WEST RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT

Barberton, OH (October 30, 2020) – Mayor William B. Judge is pleased to announce that the City has received \$2,591,304 in grant dollars through the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) Highway Safety Program to implement safety improvements in the Wooster Rd West reconstruction project. The addition of these safety improvements to the Wooster Rd West corridor will help mitigate traffic crashes, provide a safer environment for pedestrians, and create an overall improvement of traffic flow throughout the area.

The State-funded grant will cover 100% of the design costs and 80% of the construction costs. This grant, in addition to the \$5.5 million that the City has already received through the Akron Metropolitan Area Transportation Study, allows the City to fully rehabilitate this important roadway. The City of Barberton Administration worked with the GPD Group to develop and present the safety improvements to ODOT District 4 and the funding committee.

Mayor Judge stated, “The receipt of these funds is going to have a direct positive impact on residents and businesses in the community. The inclusion of safety improvements reduces risk and improves navigability for motor vehicles and pedestrians.” Several variables impact the receipt of safety funding. This includes taking into account the applicant's ability to fund their portion of the project. “The residents make these opportunities possible. The passage of Issue 8 in 2013, as a dedicated funding source, makes the City extremely competitive when applying for these funds.”

Construction on Wooster Rd West from 4th St NW to Hudson Run Rd is not scheduled until 2023.

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