

# Clayton approves Route 40 resurfacing project between Diamond Mill and Hoke

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The city of Clayton has decided it's time to make improvements on U.S. Route 40 from Diamond Mill Road to Hoke Road within the city of Clayton under an April 2006 agreement with the Federal Highway Administration (U.S. Department of Transportation).

At its regular April 21 meeting, City Council approved funding of \$97,000 for the pavement planing and resurfacing of the described area.

The city agreed to assume and bear the entire one-hundred percent of the improvement less the amount of federal aid funds set aside by the director of transportation.

The city also agreed to bear the cost of repairing curb ramps to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

The city's amount of \$97,900 is to be adjusted so that the city's ultimate share of the improvements will correspond with percentage of actual costs, when they are determined.

"We're ready to do it and we will be letting bids in June," said City Manager Dave Rowlands.

With the safety of fire department personnel in mind, the council authorized the purchase of 23 sets of Morning Pride Personal Protective Gear and related equipment from Phoenix Fire Equipment for a cost not to exceed \$42,236, with the city's share not to exceed \$5,831.

Director of Public Safety Rick Rose explained the fire department has received a Federal grant for the purchase of the equipment.

"We have 35 personnel that wear the equipment," Rose said.

"We have a program in which we try to replace five sets per year on the protective gear – it has a seven-year lifespan," he said.

"It will save us \$2,700 if we order on or before May 21," Rose said.

He said the used equipment may not meet liability standards, but sometimes can be given to places like Sinclair College's fire academy.

Council also imposed a 180-day moratorium for permits to operate "Internet cafes."

Under the moratorium, no application for zoning or occupancy permit for Internet cafes that allow customers to play electronic games and exchange air time they win while playing such games for cash or other valuable consideration shall be received or considered by city staff for a period of 180 days from the effective date of this enactment.

Rowlands mentioned that these types of cash prizes have been known to skirt around gambling laws, so the city is taking this precaution.

Prior to the regular meeting, the council met in a work session to determine what street repairs will be performed under an Ohio Department of Transportation project approved in 2006. The city's share is \$100,000.

The city has budgeted \$400,000 for repair work in 2011 and has \$17,500 available from potential estate tax elections, and prior to the state taking local government funds at 25 percent in the state budget, the city had \$50,000 available to offset the set costs.

Therefore, the staff recommends appropriating \$80,000 from reserves to complete repairs on the following roads: Montgomery-Miami County Line Road, repairs; Putnam Road, full depth repairs, (2013), Union Road, asphalt, (could do in 2012), Westbrook Road, repairs to entrance roadway into city; Rinehart Road, completion of improvements from bridge to north end of roadway; Prospect Avenue, Inwood Avenue and Skylark Drive, repairs and Kimmel Road, full depth repairs prior to roadway getting repaired from Montgomery County Sewer Project.