

NEWS RELEASE

**VILLAGE OF POLAND
308 South Main Street
Poland, Ohio 44514**

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UPCOMING PROJECT INFORMATION THE VILLAGE OF POLAND PLANS TO UPGRADE TRAFFIC SIGNALS AT SEVERAL INTERSECTIONS

ODOT Project ID: MAH-Poland Signal Upgrades; PID 107226

The Village of Poland is proposing to upgrade the traffic signals at several intersections within the Village of Poland, Mahoning County. The upgrades involve replacing the existing traffic signals, which are currently suspended from wires, with modern black metal mast-arm mounted traffic signals intended to improve corridor aesthetics by reducing overhead wiring clutter. Additional improvements include new pedestrian signals, new pedestrian pushbuttons, and new ADA-compliant curb ramps at intersections where the traffic signals are being upgraded. The project also proposes to remove the existing traffic signals at two intersections where they are no longer warranted. The specific intersections and upgrades are as follows:

- McKinley Way (US 224) and Pennsylvania Avenue: Modify the existing traffic signal controller to provide improved signal coordination and improved traffic flow on US 224. Install a new ADA-compliant curb ramp landing pad.
- McKinley Way (US 224) and Main Street (SR 170): Replace existing traffic signals with new mast-arm mounted traffic signals. Add new pedestrian signals, pushbuttons, and ADA-compliant curb ramps.
- McKinley Way (US 224) and Water Street (SR 616): Replace existing traffic signals with new mast-arm mounted traffic signals. Add new pedestrian signals, pushbuttons, and ADA-compliant curb ramps.
- McKinley Way (US 224) and Riverside Drive: Replace existing traffic signals with new mast-arm mounted traffic signals. Add new pedestrian signals, pushbuttons, and ADA-compliant curb ramps.
- N. Main Street (SR 170) and Johnston Place: Remove existing unwarranted traffic signal and install a new rectangular rapid-flashing beacon to provide a pedestrian-actuated crossing. New ADA-compliant curb ramps will be installed at this location.
- S. Main Street (SR 170) and Water Street (SR 616): Remove existing unwarranted traffic signal. Install stop signs on Water Street and install new ADA-compliant curb ramps.
- S. Main Street (SR 170) and College Street: Replace existing traffic signals with new mast-arm mounted traffic signals. Add new pedestrian signals, pushbuttons, and ADA-compliant curb ramps.
- S. Main Street (SR 170) and Riverside Drive: Replace existing traffic signals with new mast-arm mounted traffic signals. Add new pedestrian signals, pushbuttons, and ADA-compliant curb ramps.
- S. Main Street (SR 170) and N. Lima Road: Replace existing traffic signals with new mast-arm mounted traffic signals. Add new pedestrian signals, pushbuttons, and ADA-compliant curb ramps.

Most of the proposed upgrades can be constructed within the existing roadway rights-of-way, however, a few intersections will require the acquisition of minor amounts of new permanent and/or temporary rights-of-way to install the new signal mast-arms and curb ramps. Several of the intersections where the traffic signals, pedestrian signals, and curb ramps will be upgraded are within the National Register of Historic Places listed South Main Street Historic District.

This proposed signal upgrade project is scheduled to begin construction in the Fall of 2022 and end in the Spring of 2023. Traffic will be maintained during the duration of the project. Access to adjacent businesses, residences and intersecting side streets will be maintained during construction. No detours will be needed.

To ensure the decision-making process is comprehensive, the Village of Poland is seeking comments from the public about the social, environmental, and economic impacts of this proposed project. Environmental impacts include those involving archeological, architectural, and ecological resources, hazardous/regulated materials and the general location of the project. In compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended (codified as 36 CFR 800), the Village of Poland also requests new information regarding the presence of any known cultural resources in proximity to the project. Cultural Resources include prehistoric and historic archaeological sites, historic bridges, historic buildings, sites and districts.

Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 requires Federal agencies (and in this case ODOT) to consider the effects of their actions on historic properties. The Section 106 process seeks to incorporate historic values into project planning through consultation among agencies, and other parties, with an interest in the effects of the undertaking on historic properties. Individuals or organizations with a demonstrated interest in the effects of an undertaking on historic properties, including the South Main Street Historic District, can become a Section 106 consulting party. The various consulting parties work together to discuss options, provide multiple viewpoints, and strive to seek common agreement on the incorporation of historic preservation values into the project.

If you're interested in becoming a Section 106 consulting party or you have general questions/comments concerning the proposed project, please contact Gary Diorio, P.E., our Village Engineer, by December 18, 2020 at the ms consultants, inc. 333 East Federal Street. Youngstown, OH 44503 Phone: 330-744-5321 Ext. 11110. Comments can also be submitted via email to GDiorio@msconsultants.com