



From left, Dwayne Heidel and Charles Kindrick of Dixie Excavating finish working on the asphalt around the manhole covers on Gibbon Road.

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FIRST PHASE OF GIBBONS ROAD CONSTRUCTION NOW COMPLETE

WEST CARROLLTON, Ohio – Residents and visitors can resume travel on Gibbons Road, which has been under construction since April.

The road, located between S. Elm Street and S. Alex Road in West Carrollton, was closed for the first phase of a construction project that involved the stabilization of the Owl Creek bank, re-alignment of the south edge of the road, storm drainage improvements, as well as new sidewalks, curbs and asphalt resurfacing.

The total cost of the construction was approximately \$360,000. The city received a \$110,065 grant and a zero-interest \$110,065 loan from the Ohio Public Works State Capital Improvement Program to help pay for the project.

The project was completed by Dixie Excavating of Kettering.

“The project dramatically improved pedestrian safety by completing the sidewalk on the north side of the street,” said Maureen Parsons, city engineer. “The improvements at each intersection also allow for easier access to the sidewalks for people using wheelchairs or strollers,” she said.

“Severe erosion along the creek bank required an emergency change order to install rip-rap that provides greater stability and helps prevent future erosion,” Parsons said. The installation of curbs and storm drains improve storm water control for residents and drivers in the area.

The next phase of the construction, set to begin in fall 2009, is an enhancement project to add landscaping between the road and creek. The city has received \$228,063 in federal transportation enhancement improvement funds to offset the cost of construction which is estimated at \$346,000.

“The addition of trees, decorative planters and low walls along the road edge will create a cohesive look and feel to the neighborhood, said Rich Norton, service director.

Another project in the area is the S. Alex Rd. Bridge Replacement project by the Montgomery County Engineer’s Office. The project is currently under design with construction slated for summer 2009. “These infrastructure improvements will increase safety for vehicle and pedestrian traffic for many years to come,” Norton said.

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