NEWS RELEASE

CITY OF YOUNGSTOWN
26 SOUTH PHELPS STREET YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO 44503

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: **JANUARY 2, 2018**

HARDING ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SIDEWALK REPLACEMENT PROJECT

MAH-HARDING ELEMENTARY SIDEWALKS PID: 103932

The city of Youngstown plans to remove and replace deteriorated concrete sidewalk in proximity to Harding Elementary School in the city limits. The proposed work includes sidewalk replacement on Cordova Avenue between Benita Avenue and Granada Avenue, Benita Avenue between Fifth Avenue and Ohio Avenue, Dennick Avenue between Cordova Avenue and Elm Street, Curry Place between Cordova Avenue and Ohio Avenue, Granada Avenue between Fifth Avenue and Ohio Avenue, Ohio Avenue between Upland Avenue and Benita Avenue and Lauderdale Avenue between Ohio Avenue and Elm Street. Additional improvements will include new curb, curb ramps to meet Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards, replacement of traffic signs and new pavement striping. Proposed improvements will be constructed entirely on land owned by the City of Youngstown.

A portion of the proposed project along Granada Avenue is located within the 5th Avenue Historic District. Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act 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 efforts of the undertaking on historic properties 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 are interested in becoming a Section 106 consulting party for the undertaking, please contact Sean Carpenter of the Ohio Department of Transportation – District 4 at sean.carpenter@dot.ohio.gov or 330-786-2274.

In compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended (codified as 36 CFR 800), ODOT or the city of Youngstown requests information regarding the presence of any known cultural resources in the vicinity of the

project. Cultural resources include prehistoric and historic archaeological sites, historic bridges, historic buildings, sites and districts.

The $220,000 project is scheduled to begin construction in the summer of 2018. During project construction, two-way traffic on all city streets shall be maintained at all times. In addition, access to all residences and properties within the construction limits will be maintained during construction of the project.

The environmental review, consultation, and other actions required by applicable Federal environmental laws for this project are being, or have been, carried-out by ODOT pursuant to 23 U.S.C. 327 and a Memorandum of Understanding dated [December 11, 2015], and executed by FHWA and ODOT. The proposed project will not impact any cultural resources, suspect hazardous waste sites or result in any impacts to ecological resources. The project will not result in any impacts to the environment either individually or cumulatively.

To ensure the proposed project is viable and successful, the city of Youngstown 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, regulated materials and the general location of the project. Any comments you may have regarding the environmental and/or the proposed project may be submitted by **February 2, 2018**.

All public comments, questions and/or concerns about the project are welcomed and should be directed to:

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