

Hopewell Drive/State Route 13 Paving Project

Residents of the City of Heath can expect the resurfacing project for Hopewell Drive, between State Route 79 and State Route 13, to begin between July 12th and July 19th. Shelly Company has coordinated with ODOT and the City in order to combine the State Route 13 and Hopewell Drive resurfacing projects in order to obtain competitive bids. Shelly Company is currently working their way from the south along State Route 13 and will transition to Hopewell Drive once they reach the intersection. Shelly will be grinding 1.5 inches of asphalt off the existing roadway and removing all pavement markings and reflectors in preparation for the application of the new surface. Motorists can expect minor traffic delays as the resurfacing project progresses over the next couple of weeks. Weather and various other unforeseen circumstances can disrupt project schedules and delay work. We will keep you posted as the proposed schedule evolves.

The resurfacing of Hopewell Drive was originally conceived in 2012. The original engineers estimate for the project had the overall cost listed at \$461,335.17. \$323,000.00 in Federal Funds was secured through The Licking County Area Transportation Study (LCATS) leaving the City with a \$138,335.17 match. A grant from the Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC) in the amount of \$210,500.00 was then applied for and awarded leaving the City with no out of pocket expense. The excess grant money (\$72,164.83) was planned to be used to cover additional costs if the final bid came in above the original engineers estimate.