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## **Lima City Council Advances Cable Road Safety Project**

LIMA, OHIO -Lima City Council voted Monday evening to approve legislation advancing the Cable Road Improvements Project, authorizing the next phase of right-of-way acquisition necessary to move the project toward construction. The ordinance passed by a vote of 5-3.

The Cable Road project has been in development since 2020, when Council first authorized a traffic and safety study of the corridor. Since that time, the project has progressed through multiple stages of engineering analysis, public engagement, and partnership with the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT).

The section of Cable Road between Latham Avenue and College Park West experienced 156 crashes between 2017 and 2021, with 28% resulting in injury. Data shows left-turn and angle crashes along this corridor exceed statewide averages, prompting the pursuit of safety-focused roadway improvements.

“This project is about safety,” said Mayor Sharetta Smith. “The crash data made it clear that changes were needed. Council’s action allows us to move forward with proven safety measures while leveraging approximately \$6 million in secured state and federal funding.”

### **Multi-Year Process and Public Engagement**

The project reflects a deliberate, multi-year process that included:

- Initial traffic and safety study authorization (2020)
- Expanded engineering analysis (2022)
- Approval of detailed design services (2023)
- Formal Local Public Agency agreement with ODOT (2023)
- Public meeting and comment period (March–April 2024)
- Design revisions issued in November 2024 in response to community feedback

Following public input, the City modified portions of the lane configuration and sidewalk plan while maintaining compliance with ODOT safety standards required for funding eligibility.

### **Infrastructure Investment**

In addition to roadway safety improvements, the project includes upgrades to aging infrastructure such as traffic signals, stormwater systems, and underground utilities.

Construction is anticipated to begin in 2027. ###