

August 28, 2024

## **12<sup>th</sup> Street and Summerdale Culvert Replacement Project**

### **PROJECT STATUS UPDATE**

At the request of the Stark County Engineer, the Stark County Commissioners approved a Resolution to terminate the construction contract for the project with DiGioia Suburban Excavating, LLC. The termination was requested by the Engineer for the Contractor's failure to return to work as ordered and unnecessarily and unreasonably delaying the project. This process will take time to allow the contractor to remove their equipment from the project site. This is an extremely unfortunate and unusual occurrence in our industry and the decision to proceed in this manner was not taken lightly.

It is the intent of the County to reopen 12<sup>th</sup> Street to traffic. Once the Engineer's staff has evaluated and completed any necessary restoration of the project area, the road will be opened to traffic. It is the intent of the County to reopen 12<sup>th</sup> Street within the current 90 day posted closure period. Due to work already completed by the contractor, it will not be possible to reopen Summerdale Avenue at this time.

The project will likely need to be publicly re-bid in order to complete the culvert replacements. The construction will take place in 2025 and once again will require the closure of 12<sup>th</sup> Street for a yet to be determined period of time.

On behalf of the Engineer's office, we regret and understand the inconvenience this project has on the traveling public. We thank the public for their continued patience as we strive to reopen 12<sup>th</sup> Street and eventually complete this necessary project.