

## NEWS RELEASE From Mayor Dean DePiero

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## PARMA PAVING PROJECT SET TO BEGIN

(**PARMA**) – The first week of May will signal the start of a major resurfacing project along a four mile stretch of State Road in Parma. City and state road crews will begin construction May 5, starting at Sprague Road and continuing to Brookpark Road. The Ohio Department of Transportation will pay for most of the two million dollar program, a portion of which will cross into North Royalton.

"We're upgrading and updating at the same time," says Parma Mayor Dean DePiero. "Besides the road repair, we are rebuilding several sidewalk intersections with user friendly sloped curbing to accommodate people using wheelchairs, strollers or youngsters on bicycles. It's a long overdue project."

The so-called "curb to curb" road improvement will be staggered into three work zones, starting just south of Sprague Road and extending north towards Brookpark Road. ODOT says occasional lane closures will be necessary until the work is completed at the end of August. Directional lane-change signs will be put in place before ground is broken to ensure driver and pedestrian safety and awareness.

ODOT says no work will be done during evening hours. Construction time is being limited to 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. along northbound State Road, and 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the southbound lanes.

"We're working with our police and service departments as well as ODOT to maintain traffic in a safe and orderly pattern," says Mayor DePiero. "In the short term, there may be some minor inconveniences just like any other road improvement project. But in the end, it'll be worth the wait to attain a safer thoroughfare."