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November 2020

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DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS
NOVEMBER 2020

2020 Holiday Tree Installation at Market Square
The public service department annually helps to facilitate the storage of the New Albany Chamber of Commerce's artificial Holiday Tree at the service facility. Also, service staff assists the Chamber with transporting the Holiday Tree to Market Square so it can be assembled and decorated. Due to the pandemic, this year's community tree lighting ceremony could not take place in person. However, the New Albany Chamber and the City of New Albany teamed up to allow everyone to take part from the comfort of their own home.

Request for No Parking Restrictions
The public service department received a request to restrict parking on a portion of Sedgwick Drive just north of Thompson Road. The New Albany Plain Local School District Transportation Department sent a letter to the city describing issues with getting their school buses through Sedgwick Drive in an area where the street splits into a dividend island. When cars are parked on the road, then the district buses can not safely pass through the area without coming close to the parked vehicles. The school district is requesting that "No Parking" signs be placed to help avoid accidents and make the roadway safer for vehicles. The director has met with district transportation representatives on site to discuss their request and determine a solution.

Columbus Public Utilities & Suburban Leaders Quarterly Meeting
The public service director attended the City of Columbus Public Utilities & Suburban Leaders Quarterly meeting via online access. Topics of discussion included proposed water rate increases for 2021, enhanced water metering project, sanitary sewer electronic plan reviews, overview of standards for water backflow devices and chlorination, and changes to obtaining hydrant permits/payments and location access.

Community Comments
The public service department received a thank you and compliment from a resident on Fenway Road. The resident said that "Your team came to pick up leaves yesterday from our curb and it looks just wonderful. We worked hard this weekend and were so grateful to have the leaves picked up in a timely manner and thoroughly."

The public service department received an email message from a resident on King George. She was "very thankful and appreciative of the work Chase Loughman, Nick McPherson did trimming the trees in their area." She also complimented Marylou Bohannon about her "professionalism and prompt attention to get this completed in a timely manner." The resident said, "the work was performed at a very high quality and the trees have never looked so good."

Professional Development
Service department staff signed up for several Strategic Government Resources Virtual Trainings in November. Course topics included: Customer Service Communications, Customer Service in Times of Conflict and Customer Service Choices.

PROJECT UPDATES
NOVEMBER 2020

The Miracle Field of New Albany
In 2019, the city worked with The Miracle League of New Albany and The New Albany Company to assist in performing certain components of the Miracle Field Construction Project. The Miracle League has raised enough private funds to build the first Phase of the project. The public service director and city engineer attended a kickoff meeting to discuss the construction schedule and determine how the city would assist with the project. The Miracle League of New Albany is a non-profit organization who's goal is to provide a safe, successful and enjoyable baseball experience for children, teens and adults with special needs. Once constructed, the field will offer adaptive baseball at an accessible stadium, removing the barriers that would normally keep individuals off the baseball field. The Miracle Field of New Albany will be located near the Wexner Community Park at Swickard Woods between the Plain Township Aquatic Center and the Early Learning Center, and adjacent to the New Albany High School Boys Baseball and Girls Softball fields. The accessible stadium will include a specially designed rubber turf field and a playground for siblings, friends and athletes.

In early 2020, the city moved forward with its commitment to complete several components of the Miracle Field Project. A contractor was hired to remove unwanted trees and vegetation from the project site and setup protection for selected trees that are to remain on site and serve as part of the development landscaping. Also, in October the city street improvement contractor installed ADA compliant on street parking stalls along the front of the Miracle Field site and on the west side constructed a single lane vehicle drop-off zone. Construction plans are currently being approved for the balance of the site work which will include the ballfield, bleachers and building structures. Construction activity is expected spring of 2021.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT UPDATES
NOVEMBER 2020

Blacklick Creek Trunk Sewer, Part 2B

Construction Budget: $9,462,037.25

- Funding source: OWDA Loan (Capital Improvement Fund)

Construction Schedule:

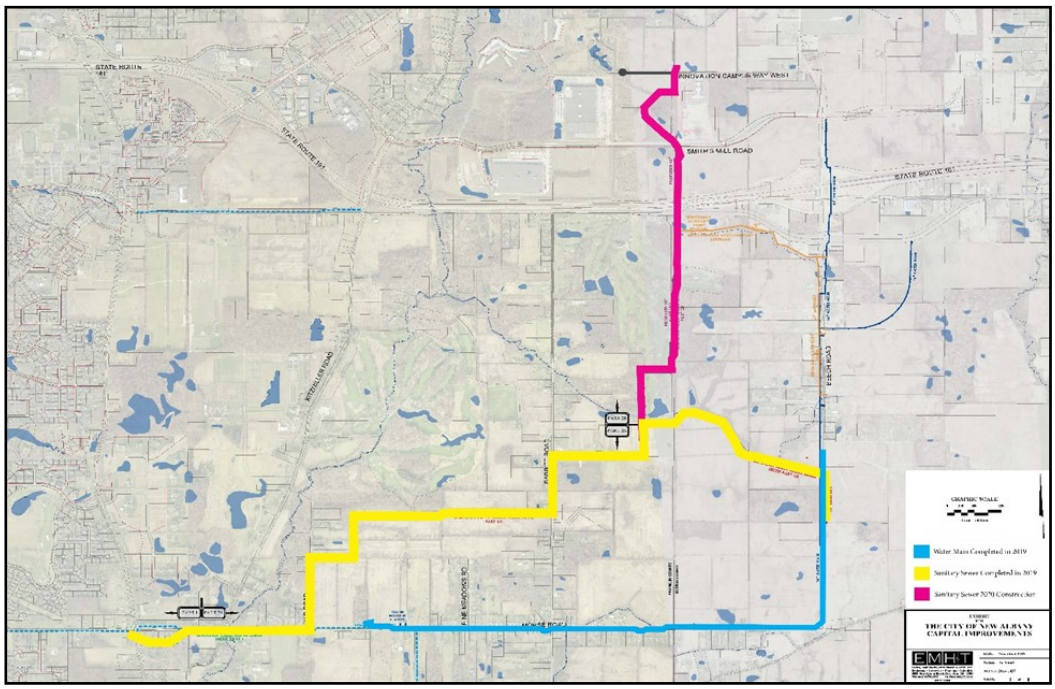
- Estimated construction start date: November, 2020
- Estimated project duration: 15 months

Project Description:

The Blacklick Creek Trunk Sewer (BCTS) is the backbone of sanitary sewer system that will serve a tributary area of approximately 9,000 acres. This tributary area includes undeveloped ground within the New Albany International Business Park as well as existing development within the current diversion area (Personal Care and Beauty Campus). Construction of BCTS Part 1, 2A-1 and 2A-2 was completed in 2019. The completion of BCTS Part 2B will eliminate the current diversion area and provide the capacity necessary to support new and existing development sites along the eastern boundary of the city. Part 2B of the BCTS project will include the installation of approximately 10,000 linear feet of 48" and 42" sanitary sewer. The project also includes a +/- 600 foot bore under SR 161.

Project Status:

A pre-construction meeting was held with Complete General Construction on 11/13. They will begin to mobilize equipment on site over the coming weeks and anticipate breaking ground sometime in December.



Capital Improvement Project Updates
NOVEMBER 2020

Harlem Road Leisure Path, Greensward Rd. to Dublin-Granville Rd.
General contractor: Columbus Asphalt Paving, Inc.

Construction Budget: $440,000.00

- Funding source: 2019 Capital Improvement Fund

Construction Schedule:

- Construction start date: July 2020
- Estimated completion date: November 2020

Project Description:

This project includes the construction of a new asphalt leisure trail and sidewalk along the west side of Harlem Road from E. Dublin Granville Road to a point north of Greensward Road. This project will provide a designated pedestrian space to enhance safety along the roadway corridor. This project also includes the relocation of three fire hydrants, minor grading and storm sewer work, as well the installation of a section of wood timber guard rail.

Project Status:

Columbus Asphalt Paving completed the installation of the wood timber guard rail in November. The ground areas have been stabilized for the winter and the contractor will return in the spring to complete the necessary seeding and permanent stabilization. The project team has provided the contractor with a punch list of items to correct and/or complete in order to close out the project.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT UPDATES
NOVEMBER 2020

Jug Street Water Booster Station
General contractor: Howell Contractors, Inc.

Construction Budget: $3,232,000.000

- Funding source: 2019 Capital Improvement Fund
- Payments to date: $1,989,232.33
- Budget status: The project is tracking consistent with the approved schedule

Construction Schedule:

- Construction start date: April 2020
- Estimated completion date: April 2021
- Schedule status: The project is tracking consistent with the approved schedule

Project Description:
There is currently a single water pressure district providing water service to the entire city. This district is referred to as the New Albany Pressure District. The continued growth of the business park in the northeast quadrant of the city has resulted in land areas beyond the limit of what can be appropriately serviced by the New Albany Pressure District. As such, plans have been developed to establish a second water pressure district, the Mink Pressure District, which will produce sufficient water flow and pressure necessary to support continued growth in this quadrant of the city. The Jug Street Water Booster Station is a key component to creating this new pressure district.

Project Status:
The contractor has started to paint the interior walls of the building. Work continues on the installation of process piping and thrust blocking inside of the building. The contractor also made significant progress installing the roof and siding on the building exterior.

Capital Improvement Project Updates
NOVEMBER 2020

Main Street Utility Burial
General contractor: Messer Construction / Igel

Construction Budget: $1,500,000

- Funding source: 2019 Capital Improvement Fund
- Payments to date: $795,653
- Budget status: The project is tracking consistent with the approved budget

Construction Schedule:

- Construction start date: November 2019
- Estimated completion date: March 2021
- Schedule status: The project is delayed due to scheduling constraints with AEP

Project Description:

This project will relocate the existing aerial utilities to an underground location along Main Street from a point north of the roundabout at Market Street to the bridge over Rose Run stream, south of Dublin Granville Road. This project will be performed in conjunction with the Rose Run Park construction and the improvement of Dublin Granville Road.

This project will enhance the aesthetics of the area by removing utility poles and overhead wires between CVS and a point north of Village Hall. Portions of sidewalk and curb replacement are also included along the length of this project, particularly along the frontage of Village Hall.

Project Status:

No update for November.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT UPDATES

NOVEMBER 2020

Mink Pressure District Water Main & Harrison Road Storm Sewer Improvements
General Contractor: Trucco Construction Company, Inc.

Construction Budget: $3,093,051.95

- Funding Source: 2019 Capital Improvement Fund
- Payments to date: $2,184,932.98

Construction Schedule:

- Construction start date: March 2020
- Estimated completion date: December 2020
- Schedule status: The project is tracking in accordance with the approved schedule

Project Description:

This project includes the installation of approximately 9,500 feet of water main along Beech Road, Jug Street, and Harrison Road, which will provide water to the northeast quadrant of the city to meet the demand of the continued growth within the International Business Park. In addition to the water main improvements, approximately 3,500 feet of storm sewer will be installed along Harrison Road to improve the drainage in the area along with a conduit duct bank along Innovation Campus Way.

Project Status:

The installation of the water main and storm sewer is now complete, along with the final pavement restoration. All disturbed areas have been stabilized for the winter and the contractor is schedule to seed and provide permanent stabilization in the spring. The waterline is now awaiting chlorination at such time as the Jug Street water booster station is active.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT UPDATES
NOVEMBER 2020

US-62 and SR-161 Interchange Improvement Project

Permitting Schedule:
- Start date: February 2020
- Estimated approval: September 2020

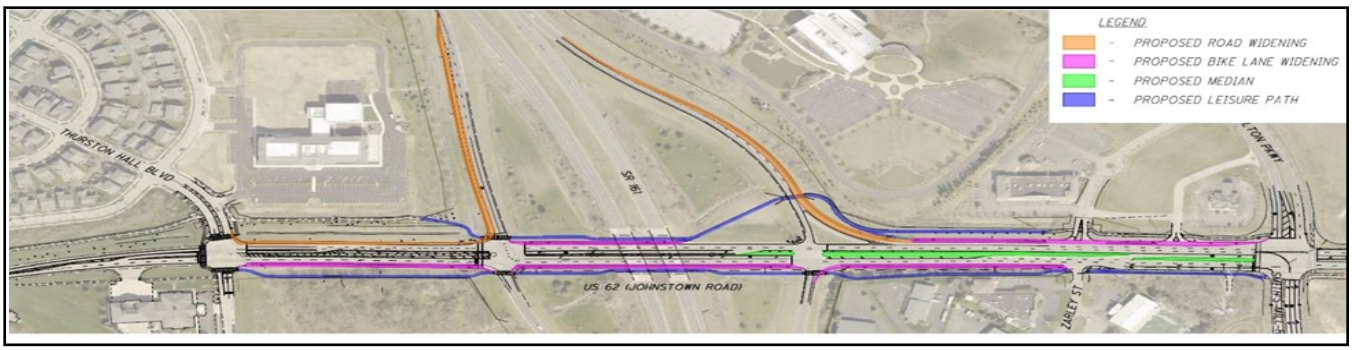
Construction Budget: $4,000,000
- Potential funding sources:
  - OPWC Round 33 Infrastructure Funds
    $187,792 grant, $595,524 loan
  - ODOT Safety Funds FRA-62-30.34
    $2,079,675 grant
  - 2020 Capital Improvement Fund

Construction Schedule:
- Estimated construction start date: October 2020
- Estimated construction duration: 15 months

Project Description:
This project will greatly enhance the safety, movement of traffic and pedestrians and the overall aesthetics of this prominent gateway into the city. The project will include several primary improvements that include:
- The addition of a lane to the to the SR-161 eastbound off ramp to increase exit ramp capacity
- A modification to the SR-161 westbound on-ramp to provide additional merging distance
- The addition of protected bike lanes along both sides of US-62
- Construction of separated leisure trails along both side of US-62
- The installation and extension of a center median
- A lane addition at Thurston Hall Boulevard intersection to better accommodate through traffic
- The installation of a traffic signal at Thurston Hall/Theisen Drive/US-62

The listed improvements will be designed as traffic calming measures intending to better manage vehicle access and slow the travel speeds along the corridor. The improvements will also provide much needed pedestrian and alternative transportation infrastructure to connect the north and south sides of the city.

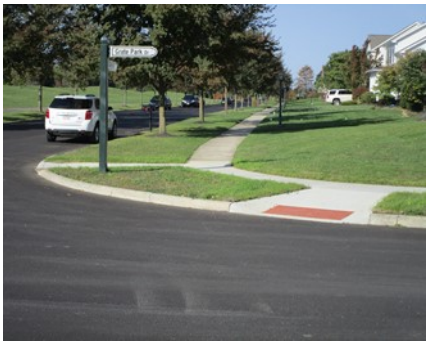
Project Status:
The project is currently in the engineering design phase and construction plans are in development. No new update



CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS
NOVEMBER 2020

2020 City Sidewalk Improvement Project

- Decker Construction was the low bid contractor for performing sidewalk replacement as part of the city street improvement project at a cost of $134,886.96.
- The Hampsted Village neighborhood is the area planned for improvement work.
- Sidewalk improvements began in July and wrapped up in August.



Newly upgraded ADA ramps at Grate Park Drive and Gilg Street.

2020 City Street Improvement Project

- The low bidder for the construction contract was Decker Construction at a base bid price of $856,221.97.
- Work includes ADA curb ramp improvements, pavement overlay, curb repair and crack sealing.
- September work included striping improvements.

Repaved Bevelhymer Road

Miracle Field Parking Lot

- The low bidder for the construction contract was Decker Construction at a base bid price of $67,000.
- Work includes ADA curb ramp improvements, pavement overlay, curb replacement, sidewalk and handicap parking stalls.
- The project was finalized in October.

Miracle Field Parking Lot

Public Service Projects
NOVEMBER 2020

Roadside Berming Repair
Maintenance workers Tyler Ashcraft, Kenny Geiger, Andrew Love and Ian Hurst perform last minute berm repair to the shoulder of city roadsides before winter weather sets in. Summer project schedules were delayed due to the pandemic, therefore crews spent most of November putting down berm material. Workers used an estimated 250 tons of aggregate stone. Berming repair is part of the annual maintenance perform on city rural roadways.

Crews perform roadside berming later than in years past.

Tree Replacement on Central College Road
In November, Forestry Specialists Nick McPherson and Chase Loughman began replacing several street trees along Central College Road which had been recently deteriorating. The first four trees planted were swamp white oak which is a long-lived, large growing shade tree capable of surviving both flooded conditions and drought. Each tree was staked and watered after planting. This project will continue through December.

Street tree replacement on Central College Road.

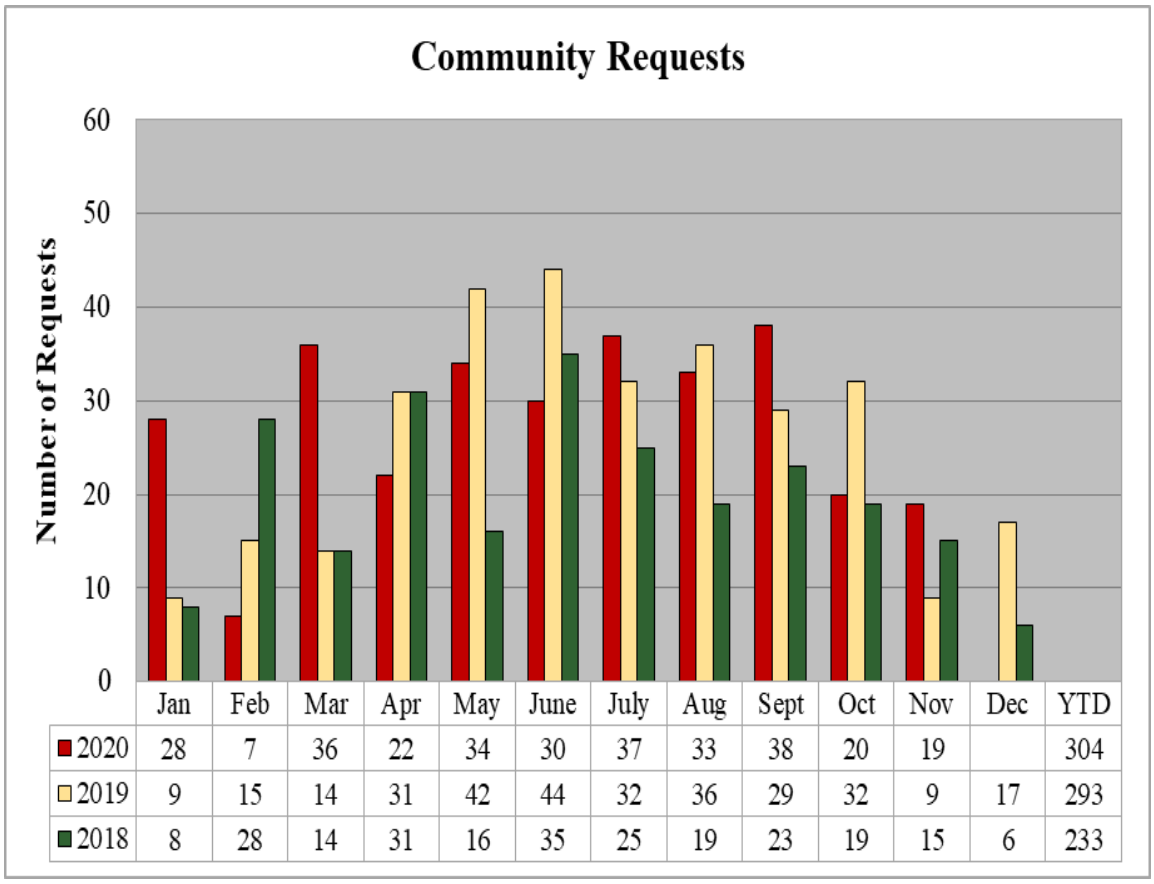
Hydrant Maintenance
Maintenance Workers Curtis Reed and Carl McNeal repaired a fire hydrant at the intersection Smith's Mill Road and Kitzmiller Road damaged in a vehicular accident. They excavated and replaced the hydrant riser. The hydrant was then tested for leaks and remaining water was pumped out for winterization and placed back in service. The hydrant had minimal downtime and the Plain Township Fire Department was notified when the hydrant was back in service.

Vehicle damages hydrant at Smith's Mill Rd and Kitzmiller Rd.

Holiday Red Bows
Maintenance Worker Ian Hurst utilized the bucket truck to reach the top of the city's streetlight poles to install the annual holiday bows. Each year crews use red velvet holiday bows to dress up the Village Center for the November and December holidays. This year the weather was dry and sunny making this annual task more enjoyable than in years past.

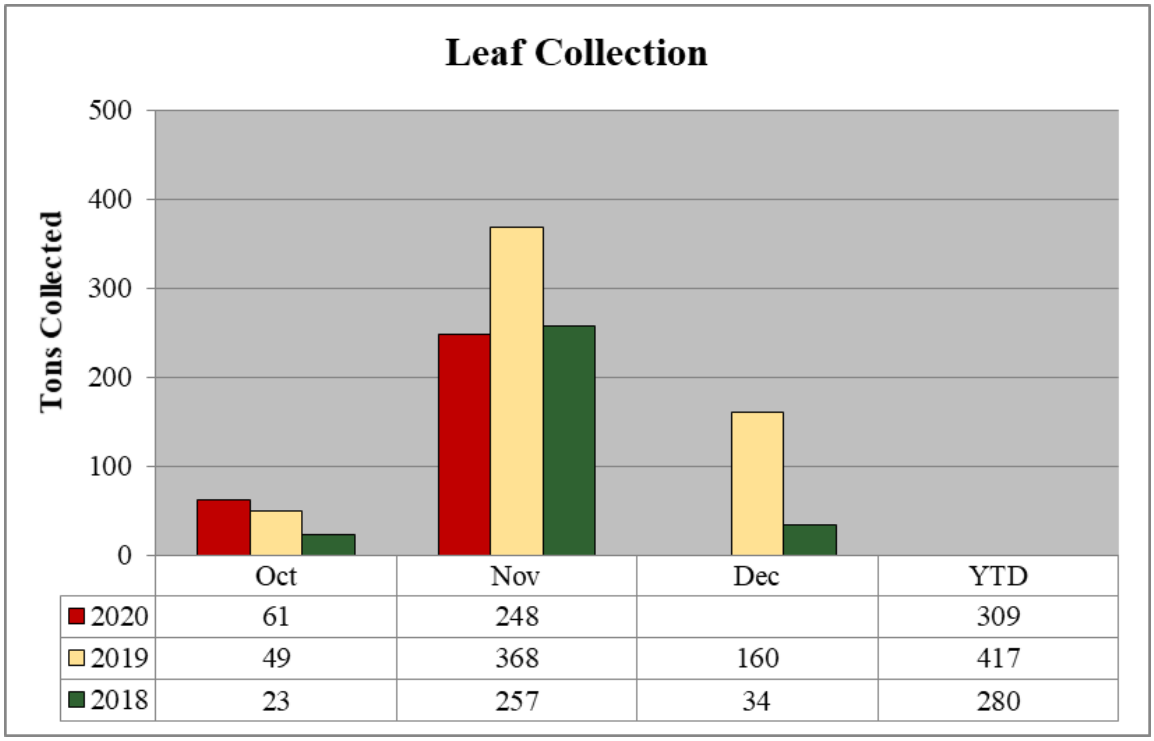
The annual Holiday Red Bows go up in the Village Center.

REQUESTS FOR SERVICE STATISTICS
NOVEMBER 2020

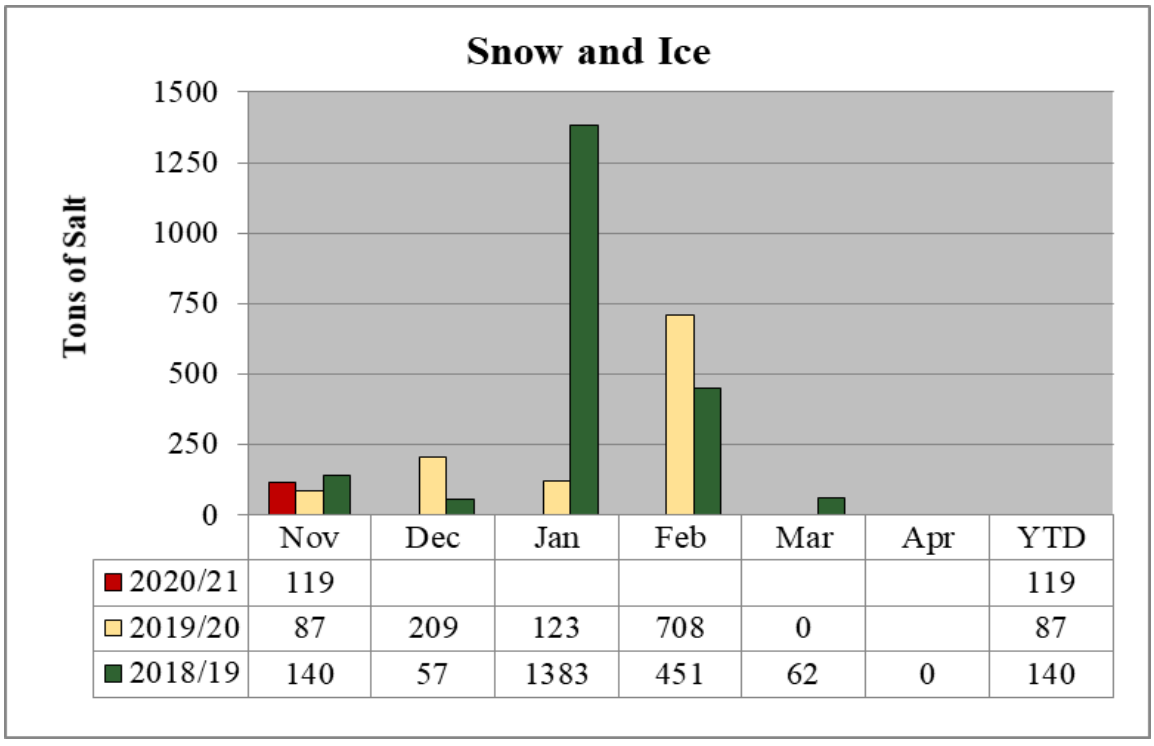


	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD
2020	28	7	36	22	34	30	37	33	38	20	19		304
2019	9	15	14	31	42	44	32	36	29	32	9	17	293
2018	8	28	14	31	16	35	25	19	23	19	15	6	233

SEASONAL STATISTICS
NOVEMBER 2020

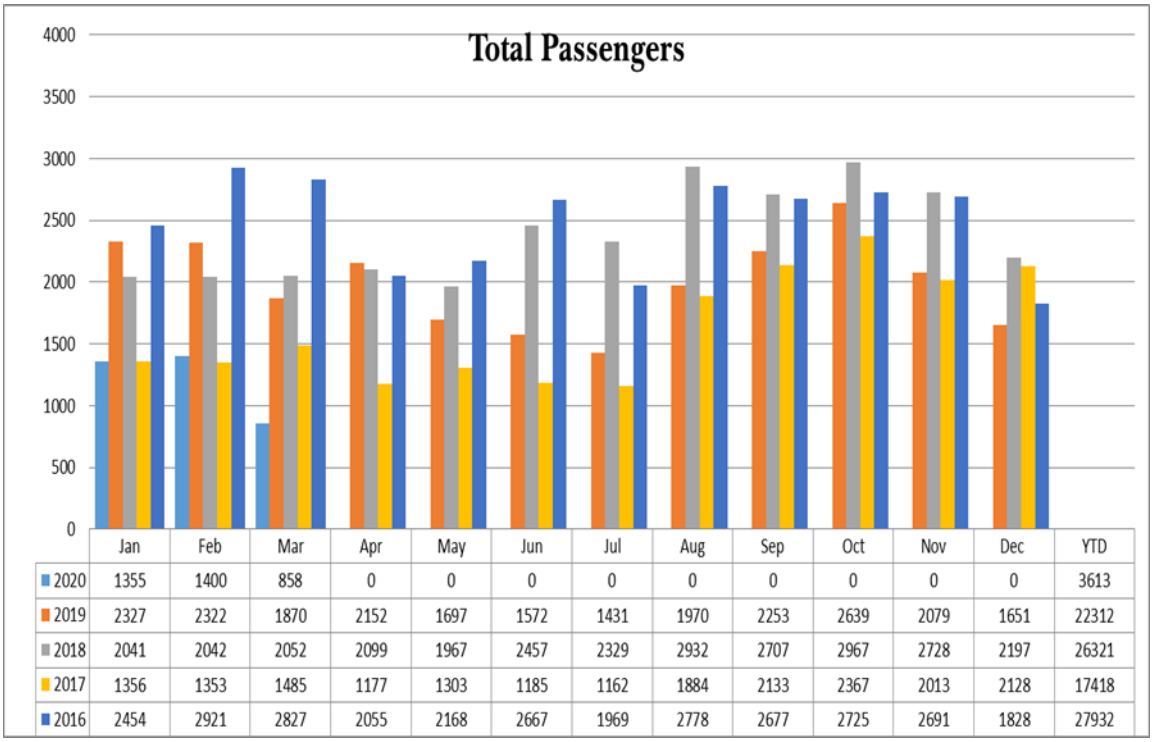


	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD
2020	61	248		309
2019	49	368	160	417
2018	23	257	34	280



	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	YTD
2020/21	119						119
2019/20	87	209	123	708	0		87
2018/19	140	57	1383	451	62	0	140

NEW ALBANY SMART RIDE
NOVEMBER 2020



	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD
2020	1355	1400	858	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3613
2019	2327	2322	1870	2152	1697	1572	1431	1970	2253	2639	2079	1651	22312
2018	2041	2042	2052	2099	1967	2457	2329	2932	2707	2967	2728	2197	26321
2017	1356	1353	1485	1177	1303	1185	1162	1884	2133	2367	2013	2128	17418
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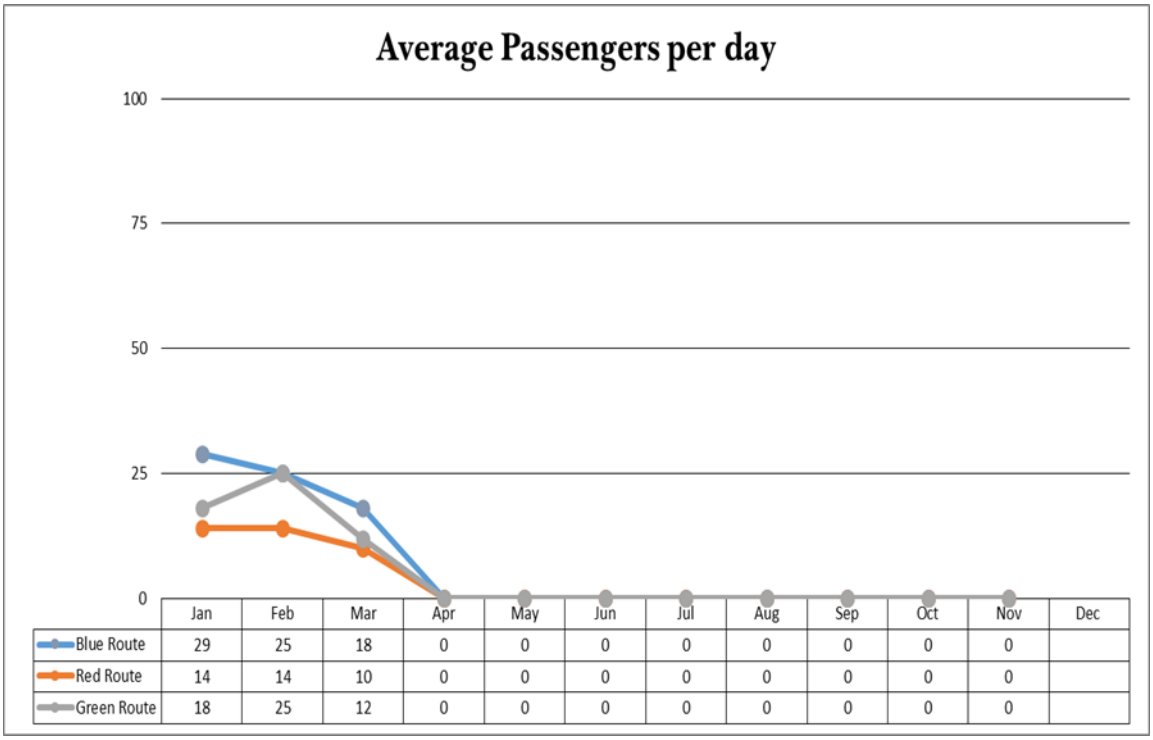

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Blue Route	29	25	18	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Red Route	14	14	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Green Route	18	25	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	