



**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**Date:** Thursday, March 26, 2009

**Contact:** **Adam Herman**  
[adam.herman@cantonohio.gov](mailto:adam.herman@cantonohio.gov)

(330) 438-4304 Office  
(330) 495-4181 Mobile

**\$8.7 million coming to Canton**

*Stimulus funds will fix Sherrick Road, improve local infrastructure*

CANTON, Ohio – Governor Ted Strickland announced this morning that Canton will receive an estimated \$2.7 million in federal transportation stimulus funds recently awarded to state governments for infrastructure improvements. Strickland also announced an additional \$6 million will be spent by the Ohio Department of Transportation on highway projects in the greater Canton area, though those funds will not be administered by city officials.

Two city-administered projects that are receiving stimulus dollars include the stabilization and resurfacing of Sherrick Road in the southeast end as well as a project to improve traffic flow in and around the Fulton Road exit on I-77 near the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

“Today is a great day for the city of Canton,” said Mayor William Healy, who aggressively lobbied the Governor and key legislative leaders for the federal funds. “The terrible conditions on Sherrick Road have been an embarrassment to both residents and city officials for some time now. Because of these funds, we are able to give Sherrick Road residents a street they can be proud to live on.”

In addition to the Sherrick Road project, the City also received funds to improve traffic flow to the Pro Football Hall of Fame and enhance intersection safety on Fulton Road near the I-77N exit and the entrance to I-77N/US-62E. The City plans to add curbs and widen pedestrian walkways in and around Stadium Park near the heavily traveled intersection, as well as install new signals to better manage congestion during peak times.

Healy credited City Council members Chris Smith (D-4<sup>th</sup> Ward) and Pat Barton (D-7<sup>th</sup> Ward) for their strong advocacy of the projects, and said that their support factored heavily into his decision to request funds for those specific improvements.

Last but certainly not least, the Ohio Department of Transportation will be spending \$6 million to resurface portions of I-77 in and around the US-30 interchange as well as reinforce a number of the decks supporting the entrances and exits to these two major interstate systems near the south end of the city. Healy said that these projects are important to maintain commerce in and out of Canton.

“I-77 and US-30 are critical to our local economy,” Healy said. “These projects will help guarantee that two of Canton’s vital arteries have a long and healthy future ahead of them.”

###