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**\*\*Rombach Avenue Improvements\*\*  
Change in Lane Closures Expected October 13, 2021**

LOCATION – Rombach Avenue, Wilmington, Ohio

Wilmington, Ohio – The City of Wilmington advises motorists of a shift in lane closures on the Rombach Avenue project beginning the evening of October 13, 2021.

The construction project is occurring in multiple phases. The first and second phases are nearing completion. The third phase will consist of completion of water line and sanitary line improvements, curb and sidewalk repairs, signal work, and any pavement repairs necessary to stabilize the work area over the winter months.

Motorists should expect a shift in lane closures beginning the evening of October 13 and ending in mid-December. The third phase will require lane closures starting where East Side Drive meets Rombach Avenue and ending near the traffic signal at 2829 Rombach (NCB Bank/Skyline/Walmart Drive). During the third phase, the two westbound lanes (Lowes Drive side of Rombach) and center turn lane will be closed. The closures will be done with drums. One 11-foot lane of eastbound traffic and one 11-foot lane of westbound traffic will be maintained by using the south two traffic lanes (Kroger side of Rombach).

After the third phase is complete, the project will be mostly dormant until early spring. It is anticipated that all lanes of traffic will remain open from the end of December through the end of March.

The Rombach Avenue Improvements Project is nearly three miles long. The project begins at the intersection of Fife Avenue and Rombach Avenue and terminates at the eastern corporation limit at Starbuck Road. Improvements to East Side Drive are part of the project as well.

The Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) is managing this project. The John R. Jurgensen Company is the contractor.

The Rombach Avenue Improvements Project is funded through a combination of federal, state, and local funds. The project is funded using a federal safety grant through the Ohio Department of Transportation's Highway Safety Improvement Program, pavement resurfacing funding via the Ohio Department of Transportation's Urban Paving Program, both a grant and a zero-percent

infrastructure loan funded through Round 34 of the Ohio Public Works Commission, and local dollars.

The City of Wilmington asks all motorists to continue being patient, reduce speed, and exercise added caution when traveling near this work zone. Information regarding this and other city projects can be found on the City of Wilmington website at <https://wilmingtonoh.org/municipal-services/city-projects/>. Questions regarding the Rombach Avenue Improvements Project may be directed to the Ohio Department of Transportation, District 8, (513) 933-6758 or to the Director of Public Service, (937) 382-6509.

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