

**MAYOR'S REPORT  
REPORTING TO THE CITIZENS & TO COUNCIL  
MARCH 25, 2009**

***STATE STREET SELECTED FOR FUNDING***

The Eastgate Regional Council of Governments informed the City that the State Street stimulus project has been recommended for funding. Under the guidelines of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, Eastgate will provide 100% of the project's construction cost. This is based on \$500,000 for State Street as submitted and contingent upon state and federal regulations being satisfied.

The existing road surface on State Street is in disrepair and below City standards. The roadway is a major street with an average daily traffic of 8,595. The resurfacing of State Street is a continued effort by the City to provide a safe and efficient transportation network for industrial users in the Mahoning River Corridor Initiative and CASTLO Industrial Park.

This project includes pavement planning and installation of asphalt concrete surface course on State Street from SR 616 West to the City limits near Walton Street (approximately 4,900 Ft). Three inches of existing asphalt will be milled and width is 30 feet in this area. Incidentals to this project include approximately 18 handicap ramps installed with associated sidewalk and curbing, catch basin inlet adjustments, sanitary manhole adjustments, storm sewer manhole adjustments, water valve box adjustments and pavement striping.

Projects submitted for funding must be obligated by March of 2010.

***MRCO BRIDGE FUNDING***

The MRCO Bridge funding has been replaced by stimulus monies. \$1,359,000 is recommended under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, Eastgate will provide 100% of the project construction cost.

***HYDRO ENERGY***

We met with Hydro Energy and Aqua Ohio Water representatives to explore the possibilities of Hydropower Works. Hydropower is using water to power machinery or make electricity. When flowing water is captured and turned into electricity, it is called hydroelectric power. Turbines and generators convert the energy into electricity, which is then fed into the electrical grid to be used in businesses and industry.

Proposals and projects are currently being prepared by Anthony Marra of Hydro Energy Technologies to provide hydro options and methane generation packages to determine the feasibility of the above.

***REGIONAL ROUNDTABLE***

The City hosted the Mahoning County Metro Leaders Roundtable on March 19<sup>th</sup> at Mauthe Park. A representative of GeoStar Electricity Management Systems based out of Greensburg, Pa and Lake Milton, Ohio was present to discuss energy audits and energy saving measures. We also discussed the electric lighting project that will be submitted for the local government collaborative grant with the Fund for Our Economic Future.

***WELCOME NEW BUSINESSES***

I would like to welcome *Slender You* to the City; this new business is located on Spring Street. They offer six motorized toning tables, nutrition counseling, weight loss classes, exercise clothing, prepackaged meals and vitamins.

I would also like to extend a welcome to *Bridge Street Consignment*, located at 2 State Street. They buy and sale miscellaneous items on consignment and will also put your treasures on EBay.

I would personally like to wish them the best and thank them for choosing Struthers to open their businesses.

***EASTER EGG HUNT REMINDER***

The Easter Egg Hunt will be held at the Struthers Football Stadium on Saturday, April 4<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 AM. The Easter Bunny will be there to greet the children and each child will receive a special treat.

Respectfully,

Terry P. Stocker  
Mayor