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Public Involvement Comment and Response for Valley Parkway Bridge Rehabilitation CUY Pkwy Bridge Rehab (PID 118700)

The public comment period was active on Cleveland Metroparks' website from February 28, 2024 to March 29, 2024. The following is the only comment received from any source during the period.

Comment Received via Cleveland Metroparks' project online comment form on Thursday, March 28, 2024 at 12:05 PM. Commentor name, email, and identifying information has been removed.

Project: Valley Parkway Bridge Rehabilitation

Comments: Please provide an update as to the completion of the bridge. Every day that it's closed is an inconvenience. I understand labor shortages, long lead times, etc. But it's been 3 years. Every day, I take the detour to get to NASA's back gate. And every day, I take the detour to get back home. 5 minutes detour x2 x52 weeks of the year x3 years. 1,560 minutes of detours when the project hits the 3 year mark. I had a newborn when you began. She's almost 3 years old now. She can now say her ABC's and brush her own teeth and feed the cat and sing us long detailed songs about her day. It's been a year since Scene published an update. I can't find any more recent updates. I truly hope and pray that the bridge opens this summer. Thank you. Sincerely,

Response via email from Sara Byrnes Maier, Principal Planner, Thursday, March 28, 2024 at 4:13 PM along with a carbon copy to Publicworks@cuyahogacounty.us

Good afternoon. Thank you for commenting, and I understand your frustration. The bridge construction project you are referring to is a Cuyahoga County Department of Public Works project for the "Cedar Point Bridge 00.49" while Cleveland Metroparks' upcoming project is in a similar location but is on Valley Parkway, not Cedar Point Road. I've copied the County on this email so you may reach out to them with any additional questions.

Please see more here on the Cleveland Metroparks project:

<https://www.clevelandmetroparks.com/about/planning-design/planning-and-design-projects/projects/valley-parkway-bridge-rehabilitation-1>. This project is expected to begin construction in fall 2024 and will last approximately 12 months. There will be a full closure of Valley Parkway in this area and the detour map is available in the link above.

The Cuyahoga County Cedar Point Bridge project, with which Cleveland Metroparks coordinated as a stakeholder, ran into unexpected conditions during demolition whereby the interior beams were much more corroded and impacted than samples and testing indicated during the design process. For bridge projects, whenever possible existing piers, abutments, and beams are typically reutilized and when it results in similar future useful life of the structure versus a more extensive rehabilitation or replacement to help lower costs and to make for faster construction to keep impacts of detours to the public as low as possible. The County's project webpage provides updates from throughout the project life, and the entry for February 10, 2023 explains what happened to cause the delay in detail. According to the latest information on the page, the

completion date is listed as November 1, 2024.

<https://cuyahogacounty.gov/publicworks/planning-programming/projects-programs/projects-and-programs-2/cedar-point-bridge-00.49>. The County provides similar detailed project update pages for major projects in order to keep the public informed.

Please let me know if you have a comment or question about Cleveland Metroparks' Valley Parkway Bridge rehabilitation project. We will post updates on the Valley Parkway Bridge project at <https://www.clevelandmetroparks.com/about/planning-design/planning-and-design-projects> as the project progresses.

Best regards,
Sara