



SHAKER HEIGHTS

Safety and Public Works Committee Agenda Via Zoom Thursday, February 5, 8:00 am

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1. Lee Road Complete Streets Appropriation and Acquisition of Right-of-Way

Submitted by Director Braverman

Documents:

[SAFETY AND PUBLIC WORKS 2026 0123.PDF](#)

2. Cuyahoga County Department of Public Works 2026 Sewer Maintenance Agreement

Submitted by Director Lowery-Ferrell

Documents:

[SPW_CCDPW SEWER AGREEMENT.PDF](#)

3. SHPD Law Enforcement Trust Fund

Submitted by Chief Hudson

Documents:

[2026 SHPD LAW ENFORCEMENT TRUST FUND LOCAL \(FUND NO. 701\) AND FEDERAL \(FUND NO. 702\) BUDGET REQUEST SAFETY PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE.PDF](#)

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Memorandum

To: Safety and Public Works Committee

From: Joyce G. Braverman, Director, Planning
William M. Ondrey Gruber, Director, Law

cc: Laura Englehart, Director, Economic Development
Ramona Lowery-Ferrell, Director, Public Works
Christian Maier, Assistant Director, Public Works
Kara Hamley O'Donnell, Principal Planner

Date: January 26, 2026

Re: Lee Road Complete Streets
Appropriation and Acquisition of Right-of-Way

This memo recommends the acquisition and appropriation of six (6) parcels of land in order to clear the right-of-way (ROW) and proceed with the Lee Road Complete Streets project.

The city of Shaker Heights is partnering with Cuyahoga County to enhance the Lee Road corridor as envisioned in the Lee Road Action Plan, a community-driven plan that creates a vision to comprehensively transform the area south of Van Aken Boulevard into a thriving corridor and commercial district that is attractive, walkable, bikeable, and transit-friendly. Roadway improvements include reducing the roadway from four lanes to three (one lane in each direction with a center turn lane) through most of the City limits, making way for bike infrastructure and pedestrian improvements. North of Van Aken Boulevard, in-road bike lanes will be added. South of Van Aken Boulevard, an off-road, sidewalk-level, two-way cycle track will be added, along with streetscape improvements. This will create a safer roadway for all users.

The City and Cuyahoga County Public Works are working with Chagrin Valley Engineering to design and engineer roadway, streetscape and utility improvements. The final plan package is due to the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) by February 27, 2026 to put us on track for a spring bidding. To date, \$24.5M in grant funds have been secured to construct the improvements. OR Colan has been hired and is responsible for securing appraisals, making offers to property owners, and acquiring parcels needed for the ROW. The land being acquired are small areas along the current ROW which are needed for the project.

To meet ODOT requirements, portions of six properties need to be acquired. OR Colan has made offers to all property owners. However, there is only one (1) signed deal. In order to clear the ROW by the February 27 deadline, Council will need to authorize both acquisition of the property and appropriation of real property for the reconstruction of Lee Road. The appropriation guarantees ROW will be clear by the deadline. OR Colan

will continue to work with the property owners to reach a deal on acquisition. Private property owners will be compensated based on appraisals and offers of fair market value. Appropriation requires funds to be deposited with the Probate Court of Cuyahoga County, which are equal to the fair market value (FMV).

The parcels that require appropriation and the authorization to acquire as necessary ROW, per the ROW plat exhibits, and per fair market value appraisals, include:

PPN 735-25-028—Chagrin Lee LLC (Chagrin Lee Square)

FMV estimate: \$92,500.

PPN 735-16-007—LK Woods, LLC (The Woodlands Assisted Living)

FMV estimate: \$98,900

PPN 735-17-001—MW Centers Shaker, LLC (Shaker Towne Centre shopping center)

FMV estimate: \$31,450

PPN 735-23-023, 026, 027—Nursery Partners LLC (Process Canine)

FMV estimate: \$5,000

PPN 735-28-010—Chagrin Boulevard, LLC (Irie Jamaican Kitchen building)

FMV estimate: \$10,950

The parcel that requires authorization to acquire is:

PPN 735-25-030—Lewis Properties (Lewis Electronics)

FMV estimate: \$2,950

Total estimate fair market value is: \$242, 250.

The process to acquire the ROW is as follows:

1. City receives and signs fair market value appraisals (Complete)
2. Council grants authority to acquire and appropriate parcels
3. City deposits fair market value with the Probate Court of Cuyahoga County
4. OR Colan continues to secure final offers and agreements
5. City subdivides land, dedicates ROW, and sends checks to property owners.
6. ROW plats are filed

This is a request for the Safety and Public Works Committee to recommend to Council to acquire six parcels of land and to appropriate five (5) parcels of land to acquire and clear ROW so that the Lee Road Complete Streets project can proceed on schedule. Right-of-Way cannot be certified to the Ohio Department of Transportation as being ready for construction until all ROW parcels have been acquired either by agreement or by filing a petition for appropriation, along with a check for the fair market value estimate with the Probate Court of Cuyahoga County.

The funding for the ROW purchase includes: 2025 Capital Budget - \$250,000 and 2026 Capital Budget - \$100,000 for a total of \$350,000. The total Fair Market Value estimate for all parcels is \$242,250. This could increase due to counter offers and negotiation.



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Memorandum

To: Members of Safety & Public Works Committee

From: Ramona Lowery-Ferrell, Director, Public Works

cc: Mayor David E. Weiss
 Chief Administrative Officer Matt Carroll
 Christian Maier, Asst. Director of Public Works Infrastructure
 Anthony Smith, Sewer & Streets Superintendent

Date: February 5, 2026

Re: **Cuyahoga County Department of Public Works 2026 Sewer Maintenance Agreement**

Since 2012, the City of Shaker Heights has been using the Cuyahoga County Department of Public Works (CCDPW) to augment Public Works staff related to sewer maintenance activities and capital improvements. In general, these services consisted of cleaning and inspection of laterals & mains. Public Works has also used the County to perform sewer repairs and other improvements such as installation of cured in place pipes (CIPP) liners to reduce infiltration & inflow and manhole rehabilitation. When conducting extensive sewer repairs and CIPP liners, the County also provides an engineer and inspector to ensure quality control. As depicted in the table below, Public Works use of CCDPW's has varied over the past 13 years.

YEAR	MAINTENANCE	CAPITAL	TOTAL
2012	\$260,000.00	\$0.00	\$260,000.00
2013	\$300,000.00	\$37,632.50	\$337,632.50
2014	\$592,000.00	\$0.00	\$592,000.00
2015	\$400,000.00	\$400,790.00	\$800,790.00
2016	\$400,000.00	\$749,732.00	\$1,149,732.00
2017	\$225,000.00	\$282,118.00	\$507,118.00
2018	\$95,000.00	\$1,563,189.00	\$1,658,189.00
2019	\$112,500.00	\$2,175,873.00	\$2,288,373.00
2020	\$115,000.00	\$0.00	\$115,000.00
2021	\$200,000.00	\$574,892.00	\$774,892.00
2022	\$110,164.00	\$225,000.00	\$335,164.00
2023	\$175,000.00	\$315,000.00	\$490,000.00
2024	\$100,000.00	\$0.00	\$100,000.00
2025	\$50,000.00	\$450,000.00	\$500,000.00
Total =	\$3,134,664.00	\$6,774,226.50	\$9,908,890.50

The original contract with CCDPW was renewed annually. In December 2025, the County provided a new agreement that would be effective for 2026, with the option to renew in 2027. The core services provided by the County would essentially remain the same. The new agreement would have an annual cap of \$500,000. Given the new direction of the Department to perform more sewer maintenance activities “in-house”, this amount is a reasonable. Funds would come from a combination of sewer maintenance and sewer capital. CCDPW services provides another resource the City can use for sewer maintenance and select capital improvement projects.

We are seeking support from the Safety & Public Works Committee to enter into an agreement with Cuyahoga County Department of Public Works for Sewer Maintenance services in the amount of \$500,000.



Memorandum

To: Safety & Public Works Committee
From: Wayne D. Hudson, Chief of Police
Cc: David E. Weiss, Mayor
Matt Carroll, Chief Administrative Officer

Date: February 3, 2026
Re: Law Enforcement Trust Fund - Local (Fund No. 701) and Federal (Fund No. 702)

The Shaker Heights Police Department is seeking the City's authorization to spend funds to purchase items/services through the Federal Law Enforcement Trust Fund (Fund No. 702) and the Local Law Enforcement Trust Fund (Fund No. 701). The Shaker Heights Police Department (SHPD) is a professional, nationally accredited, and award-winning law enforcement agency. To maintain this status, the SHPD must add certain equipment, update other equipment, increase/enhance mission essential training, and continue to professionally engage the community.

Federal Law authorizes the Attorney General and the Secretary of the Treasury to share federally forfeited property with participating state and local law enforcement agencies. Rules and regulations that govern the Federal Law Enforcement Trust Fund can be found in the March 2024 issue of U.S. Department of Justice/U.S. Department of the Treasury: **Guide to Equitable Sharing for State, Local, and Tribal Law Enforcement Agencies.**

On December 18th, 2014, then President Barack Obama, signed an Executive Order establishing the President's Task Force on 21st Century Policing. In May, 2015 the Task Force released their final report with recommendations. The recommendations consisted of several action items that were organized under six "pillars." The pillars are: Building Trust and Legitimacy, Policy and Oversight, Technology and Social Media, Community Policing and Crime Prevention, Training and Education, and Officer Wellness. The items/services that the SHPD are requesting are directly in line with the recommendations from the Task Force on 21st Century Policing. In June 2020, Mayor David Weiss signed off on the action steps outlined in the Obama Foundation Pledge. In addition, in 2024, the City of Shaker Heights conducted a Listening Project with the community. The results revealed the community wants more officers, more community engagement, and more traffic enforcement. Many items in this budget request are directly related to the requests of the Shaker Heights community.

The SHPD will follow all City of Shaker Heights procurement requirements to include formal public bid on items over \$50,000 unless the item(s) is on a government contract. The requested items and/or services will be used to increase the overall efficiency and effectiveness of the SHPD and make a greater impact on the community.

It is recommended that the Safety and Public Works Committee support the SHPD 2026 Law Enforcement Trust Fund Budget as presented. It is further recommended that with the



committee's support this item be forwarded to the Finance Committee and City Council with a recommendation for approval.

2025 Projects not completed and Requested for 2026

Law Enforcement Trust Fund - Federal (Fund No. 702)

- License Scanner \$13,400
 - The SHPD has installed new laptop computers in all cruisers. This computer system has the ability to add a “license scanner” attachment. Doing so will enable the officers to quickly auto populate the violator’s information into a report or to write a citation. This will cut down on human error when manually entering information into their computers. This will also drastically reduce the time that officers spend on traffic stops; thereby getting officers back into service faster to do more proactive policing and community engagement.

- Public Records Tracking Software \$15,000+ \$5,600/year
 - As part of the Fair Ticketing Initiative, the City of Shaker Heights agreed to share more information about the SHPD records in a timelier manner. Similar to the present methods in which the SHPD maintain Internal Affairs records, the SHPD are seeking to reduce inaccuracy while streamlining information using an automated system that is field tested by other law enforcement practitioners and recommended as a best practice option.

New or Re-new 2026 Projects

- SHPD Community Engagement \$100,000
 - In 2024 the City of Shaker Heights conducted a Listening Project. The results of the projects revealed that the public wants more community engagement. In 2025 Chief Hudson will be launching a new community policing/outreach philosophy. The initiative is designed to continue to build meaningful relationships between the SHPD and the residents, workers, and visitors of Shaker Heights. The requested funds will go towards recruitment and advertisement, community engagement subject matter experts, conducting law enforcement agency awareness programs (Youth & Adult Citizen Academy, Teen Summit, National Night Out, etc.), public service announcements, community meetings, motivational speakers, anti-crime literature, community engagement training, law enforcement training, and community engagement items. Funds will also go towards items to maintain the SHPD accreditation through CALEA. The SHPD will also be looking to collaborate with a local organization whose mission is supportive of and consistent with the SHPD in the area of juvenile crime prevention/intervention.

- Ballistic Vest Plates \$25,000
 - With the proliferation of high-powered rifles, officers are now responding to more incidents where these weapons are present. The funds will be used to purchase ballistic front plates that will stop a rifle round. Each officer would be outfitted with one front ballistic plate.

- Lexipol Yearly Maintenance \$26,000
 - Purchased in 2024, Lexipol offers daily training geared towards the region and also provides up-to-date policy reviews to make sure that the SHPD is on the cutting edge and in alignment with best practices in the field. There is a third-pronged component of officer wellness to this platform which assists with recruiting and retention of SHPD employees.

- Cellbrite Annual Subscription \$14,000
 - Purchased in 2024, the Cellebrite system allows detectives to quickly unlock and obtain information from cellular telephones. The technology saves detectives a lot of time and time is of the essence in these investigations.

- BEAST Annual Subscription \$975.00
 - Purchased in 2024, this system was purchased to help track all property held by the SHPD. This system is specifically designed to intake and release property more effectively. Custom reports are done to show intake and released property on a month-to-month basis, including exact percentage audits.

- IA Pro Annual Maintenance \$12,000
 - Purchased in 2024, as part of the Fair Ticketing Initiative, The City of Shaker Heights agreed to share information about the SHPD Internal Affairs Accountability Systems. This software is designed to create the types of reports the Department of Justice recommends for Progressive Communities who desire to be transparent.

- Virtra Annual Maintenance \$11,677
 - Purchased in 2025, this technology allows officers to train in a virtual reality. This system allows officers to experience real world scenarios in a training environment. Officers can work on their verbal commands and de-escalation skills along with their safety tactics.

Law Enforcement Trust Federal - (Fund No. 702)

Requested Item/Service	One Time Cost	Annual Operating Cost
Community Engagement	\$100,000	0
Ballistic Vest Plates	\$25,000	0
Lexipol Yearly Maintenance	Paid in 2025	\$26,010.50
Cellbrite Annual Subscription	Paid in 2025	\$14,050
Beast Annual Subscription	Paid in 2025	\$975.00
License Scanner	\$13,400	0
Public Records Tracking Software	\$15,000	\$5,600
IA Pro Annual Maintenance	Paid in 2025	\$7,500
Virtra Annual Maintenance	Paid in 2025	\$11,677
TOTAL	\$213,612	
CURRENT TOTAL (as of 12/31/25 per Finance)	\$473,073	
REMAINING BALANCE (after one time and annual operating cost)	\$259,460	

Law Enforcement Trust Fund - Local (Fund No. 701)

Application of the proceeds in the Local Law Enforcement Trust Fund is governed under Ohio Revised Code - 2981.13, which requires that expenditures from this account receive approval from the City’s legislative authority.

- SHPD Training and other Law Enforcement Matters \$40,000
 - To pay the cost to send officers to “train the trainer” courses in certain disciplines so that they can instruct SHPD officers and provide training to our community. Disciplines such as Verbal De-escalation, School Threat and Safety, Arrest- Search and Seizure, Anti-biased, Community Policing, Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design, Duty to Intervene, and other programs used to further build relationships and collaborations with those that live, work, and visit Shaker Heights.
 - To pay the costs of protracted or complex investigations or prosecutions;
 - To provide reasonable technical training or expertise;
 - To provide matching funds to obtain federal grants to aid law enforcement, in the support of Drug Awareness Resistance Education (DARE) programs or other programs designed to educate adults or children with respect to the dangers associated with the use of drugs of abuse;

<u>Law Enforcement Trust - Local (Fund No. 701)</u>		
Requested Item/Service	One Time Cost	Annual Operating Cost
Basic and Advanced Training	\$40,000	0
TOTAL	\$40,000	0
CURRENT TOTAL (as of 12/31/25 per Finance)	\$80,421	
REMAINING BALANCE	\$40,421	