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State OKs less-costly V&M project change

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YOUNGSTOWN

The Ohio Department of Transportation has approved cost reductions by the city for a major improvement project needed for V&M Star's \$650 million expansion, a city official says.

And approval for the railroad-relocation project, using more than \$13 million



in federal-stimulus funds, by the Federal Highway Administration is expected sometime next week, said Charles Shasho, the city's deputy director of public

works.

The contract is expected to be awarded the end of next month with construction starting at the end of November, Shasho said. The project will take up to 300 days to complete.

The V&M Star \$650 million expansion project is to be done in late 2011.

The city originally opened proposals for this project,

primarily the relocation of railroad lines, on May 28. The project's cost had been estimated at \$13.56 million.

The proposals ranged from \$18.18 million to \$20.21 million.

At the city's urging, V&M agreed to scale back the project by eliminating several rail switches and other items that the company decided are not essential to

the needs of the new facility.

Because stimulus money is being used to pay for the project, ODOT and FHA need to approve the changes, Shasho said.

On Friday, the Youngstown Board of Control voted to hire Parella Punnunzio for \$3,549,126.13 to install water and sewer lines and to reconstruct and expand Roger Lindgren Way,

the main road to the V&M expansion facility.

Parella's proposal was the lowest among the four companies seeking the work.

The project on the 1.8-mile road should begin by the end of the month or early October and take up to 120 days to be completed, Shasho said.

V&M will reimburse the city's costs for this project.

Salon employees carry the day in 2010 United Way campaign

Caring *and* sharing



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Casal's de Spa & Salon's Rachel Chabue 22, of Negley carries Daniel Harris, 8, a Potential Development student, on a hike through Boardman Park. The exercise was part of the United Way's Day of Caring on Friday. About 400 volunteers from the Valley helped the 30 nonprofit organizations supported by United Way.

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YOUNGSTOWN

ABOUT 35 CASAL'S DE SPA & Salon employees waited in the chilly morning air; Boardman Park was quiet until a school bus pulled alongside the Chester Long pavilion and 42 smiling faces peered out.

"Our kiddies are here," said Rachel Chabue, an employee of the salon in Canfield.

Casal's volunteered along with 36 other companies Friday during the 13th annual Day of Caring, an event to kick off the 2010 United Way Campaign. About 400 volunteers from the Valley took a day away from their desks to help paint, landscape and otherwise help the 30 nonprofit organizations United Way supports.

The Casal's employees spent the day with students from Potential Development Program, a school for autistic children in kindergarten through the eighth grade.

This year's goal is to raise \$2.5 million through the campaign. As of Friday, United

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Way was about a quarter of the way there.

"All money raised stays here," said United Way President Bob Hannon. "Nothing leaves the Mahoning Valley."

Volunteers sported white T-shirts with the words "Live United" written in black. They had breakfast at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Hall before starting their day.

Casal's volunteers partnered with Potential Development students for a day at the park. Chabue was paired with Daniel Harris, 8, of Boardman, who wore a special outfit for their hike through the park.

"He's got the whole safari ensemble," Chabue said. Daniel wore khakis, a green shirt with a tiger on it and an Indiana Jones-

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Casal's Miranda Shaughnessy hikes with Potential Development student Chris Cottrell, 8, of Boardman.

Brunner declines Betras' request

State suggests internal probe of elections board

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YOUNGSTOWN

Responding to complaints from the Mahoning County Democratic Party chairman about the board of elections, Secretary of State Jennifer Brunner "strongly" suggests the board "undertake an examination and/or investigation of the issues raised" about the agency's operations.

In a letter sent late Friday afternoon to Mahoning Democratic Chairman David Betras, the board's four members, the director and deputy director, Brunner wrote: "I am urging them to expeditiously undertake the investigation you have requested so as to ensure and maintain public confidence in the election process in Mahoning County."

Betras wrote Brunner, a Democrat, two times last week asking that she investigate the operations of the board of elections. But in her letter, Brunner wrote that "it is not appropriate for the secretary of state to intervene at this time."

On Aug. 30, Betras wrote Brunner asking her office investigate the board for disqualifying some signatures that it later validated on nominating petitions for ex-U.S. Rep. James A. Traficant Jr., running as an independent candidate for the 17th Congressional District seat.

On Sept. 3, Betras again wrote Brunner asking her to investigate why nearly a year after the elections board voted to temporarily suspend its director, Thomas McCabe, and a clerk, Danielle O'Neill, for failing to follow an internal office policy that neither has served the suspensions.

Though Brunner declined to conduct the investigations, Betras said he was satisfied with her decision to



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Betras

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The artwork showcased at tonight's Voice of Hope dinner celebrating the 100th anniversary of Catholic Charities features themes such as poverty, hunger and homelessness.

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CHANGE IN LEADERSHIP

After more than a century at the helm of Home Savings & Loan, the bank's founding family will end its historic reign over the corner office of one of Youngstown's most iconic buildings.

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Childhood friend, others honor the life of boy murdered in '85

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WARREN

One of Curtis Shavers' most heartfelt memories of Raymond Fife is of when they were fishing together in 1985.

The recollection, however, comes not from what 12-year-old Raymond caught, but what he uttered out of the blue.

"Me and Raymond fished together once, and he turned to me and said, 'I love you,'" Shavers recalled, fighting back tears. "It's something you don't think about until after the fact.

He was ahead of his time."

Shavers was 11 then, and both were members of Warren-based Boy Scout Troop 5.

Shavers, of Warren, was among those who spoke on how Raymond impacted their lives during an event Friday marking the 25th anniversary of the Sept. 10, 1985, abduction and murder of 12-year-old Raymond in a wooded area off Palmyra Road. The 90-minute gathering at First United Methodist Church, 309 N. Park Ave., was to celebrate his life

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Miriam Fife, victim-witness advocate for Trumbull County, looks at the portrait of her son, Raymond, who was killed 25 years ago at age 12. More than 100 people gathered Friday at First United Methodist Church in Warren for a memorial service.