

WITNESS INFORMATION FORM

Please complete the Witness Information Form before testifying:

Date: April 28, 2025

Name: Leslie Evans

Are you representing: Yourself Organization

Organization (If Applicable): Village of West Manchester, Preble County

Position/Title: Fiscal Officer

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Do you wish to be added to the committee notice email distribution list? Yes No

Business before the committee

Legislation (Bill/Resolution Number): HB 83

Specific Issue: Village responsibility to maintain state highways within corporation limits.

Are you testifying as a: Proponent Opponent Interested Party

Will you have a written statement, visual aids, or other material to distribute? Yes No

(If yes, please send an electronic version of the documents, if possible, to the Chair's office prior to committee. You may also submit hard copies to the Chair's staff prior to committee.)

How much time will your testimony require? 5 to 10 minutes

Please provide a brief statement on your position: I will be presenting financial information from the Village of West Manchester as well as pictures of damage of State Route 127. I will also present a current invoice for repairs, and a quote for additional repairs that need to be done. This will show why small villages can't maintain state highways within their corporation limits.

Please be advised that this form and any materials (written or otherwise) submitted or presented to this committee are records that may be requested by the public and may be published online.

Good afternoon. My name is Leslie Evans, and I am the fiscal officer for West Manchester. I have held this position for the last 25 years. The Village of West Manchester is located in Preble County. According to the 2020 census, the village has 415 residents. The village currently has 193 households.

I am here today to speak to you about HB 83. Our village corporation limits span 0.6 miles along State Route 127. According to state law, it is a village's responsibility to maintain a state route that is within their corporation limits. This law causes a tremendous burden on small villages, such as West Manchester. While our village receives Permissive and Gas tax from the state for street and highway maintenance, the amount that we receive does not come close to the cost of repairs that our village is currently facing.

While 100% of Permissive tax revenue is required to be placed in our Street Fund, 92.5% of gas tax monies received are also required to be placed into our Street Fund, and 7.5% of these funds are required to be placed into our Highway Fund.

From fiscal year 2020 through fiscal year 2024, our Highway Fund has received \$10,508.94 in revenue. This is an average of \$180.10 per month. For the same five-year period, the Street Fund has received \$151,778.55. This is an average of \$2,529.64 per month.

I recently wrote a check for partial repairs to State Route 127 in the amount of \$24,019.74. If we were to pay this using the funds received that are designated for the Highway Fund, it would take approximately 134 months or 11.167 years to pay this. I have also received a quote for the remainder of the repairs that are needed. This quote is for \$48,500.00. This would take approximately 270 months or 22.5 years to pay.

The council authorized a transfer of money from the Street Fund to the Highway Fund to pay the invoice of \$24,019.74, thus cutting our Street Fund available revenue almost a 1/3.

Based upon the current quote for further repairs, the council will have to decide whether to deplete the Street Fund or take a loan out. Even if a combination of these scenarios is completed, this will cause a financial burden on the village.

These issues will not go away with additional repairs. State Route 127 is heavily traveled every day. There is an ethanol plant directly north of us. On any given day, semi-trailers full of corn are being hauled to this plant. Our area has large tractors, heavy farming equipment, over-sized loads, and over-the road semis driving north and south daily. Due to the volume of heavy traffic, this area is vulnerable to constant breakdowns due to work completed by ODOT in recent years.

HB 83 needs to be approved so that small villages do not have to incur the horrific costs of repairing or replacing sections of a state highway.

Thank you for your time. We appreciate the opportunity to speak to you concerning this situation.

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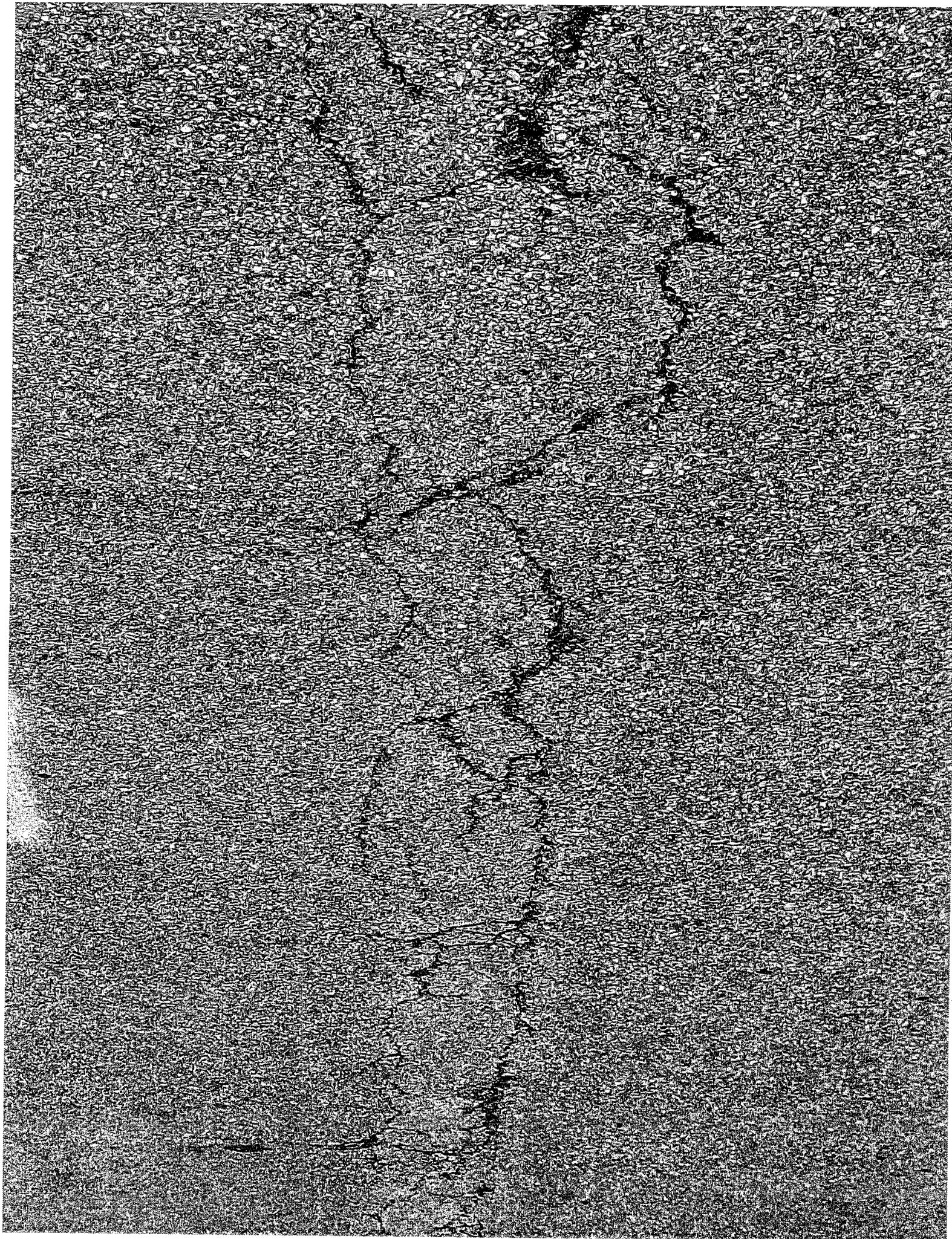
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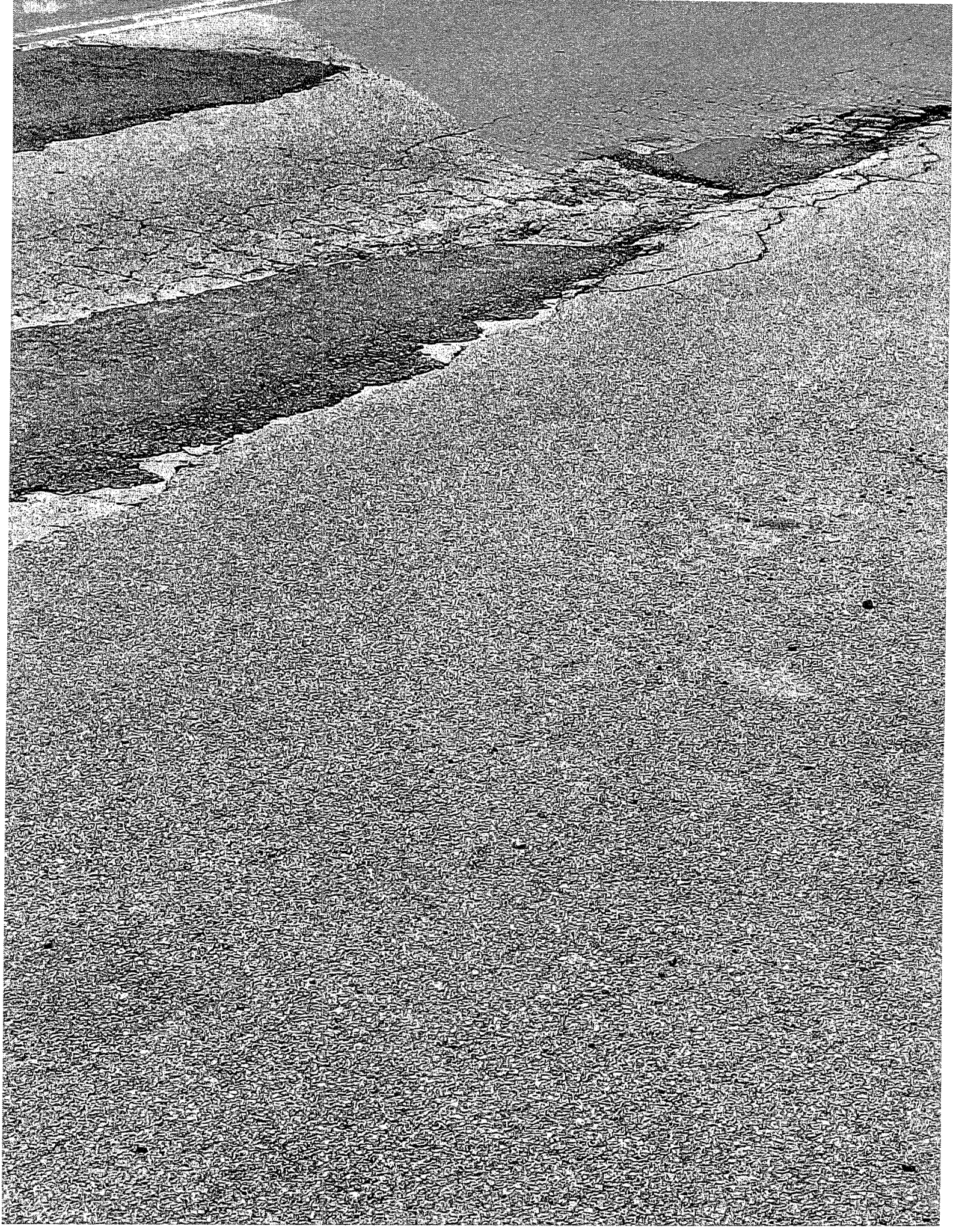
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Description	Qty	Cost	Total
Scope of work to be completed for patching of failed roadway areas. Saw cut and remove failed areas as marked, provide geo grid, compacted limestone base and place and compact new asphalt in two lifts. Complete with clean up and all traffic control needed to perform work.		48,500.00	48,500.00
Total			\$48,500.00

Customer Signature _____







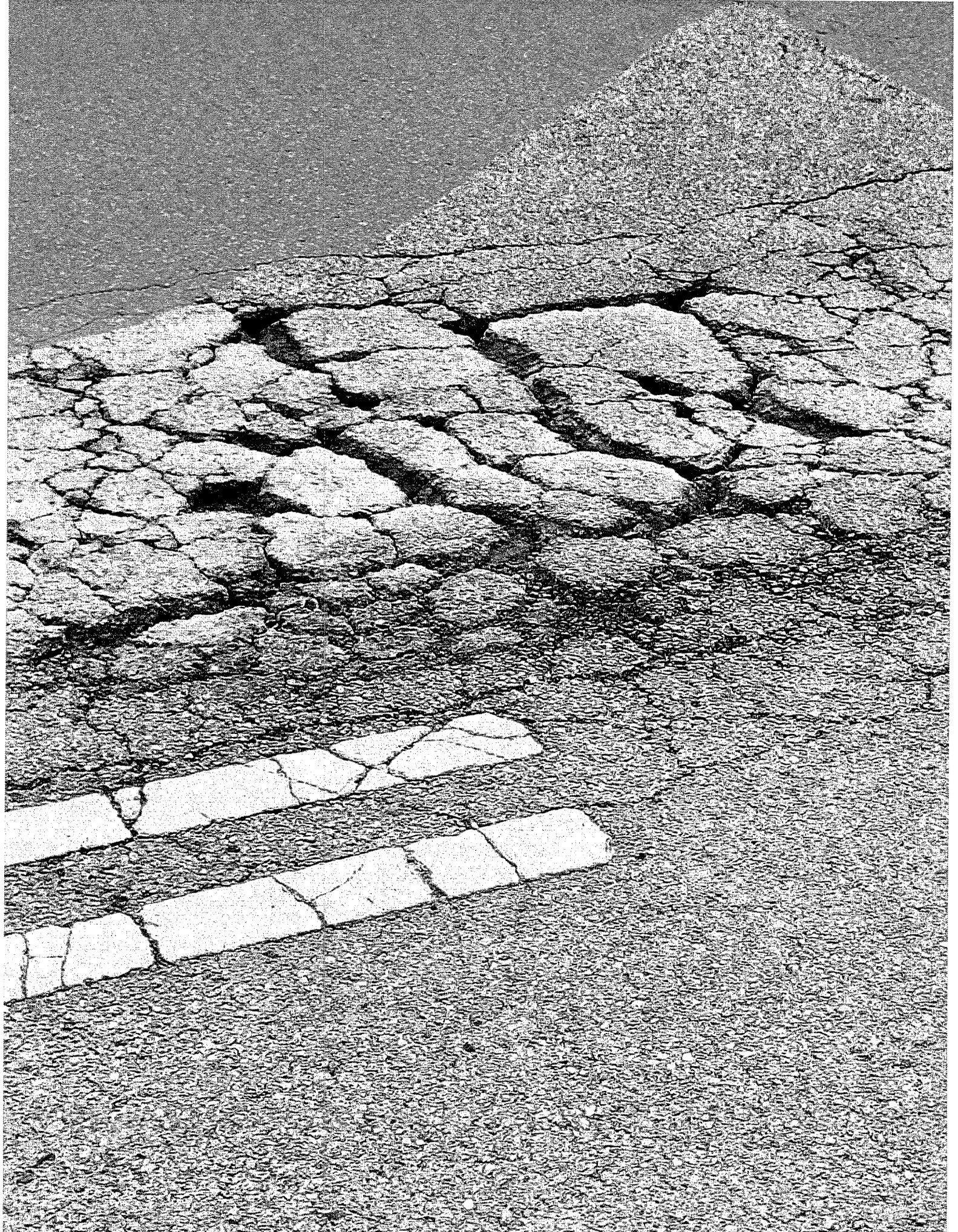


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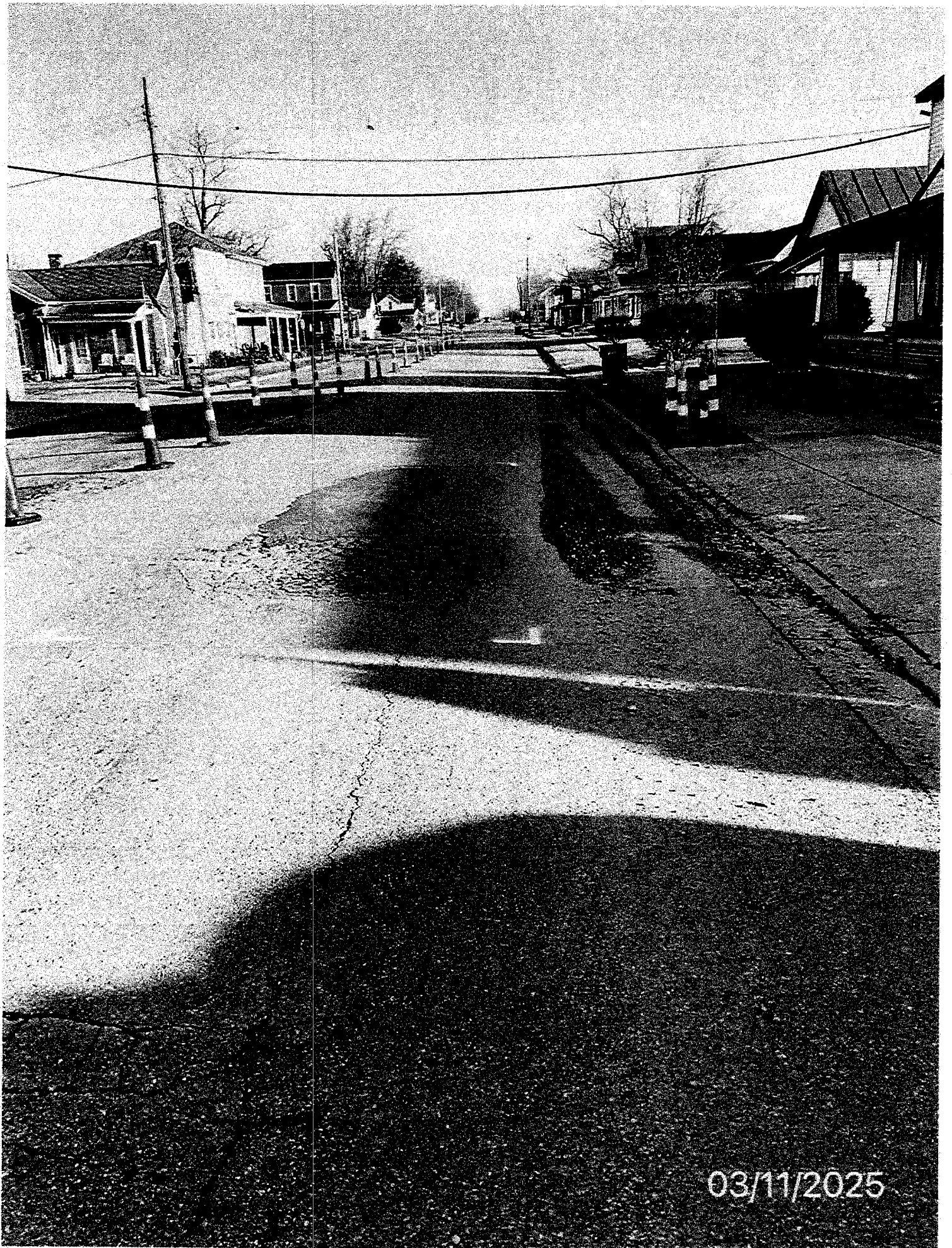
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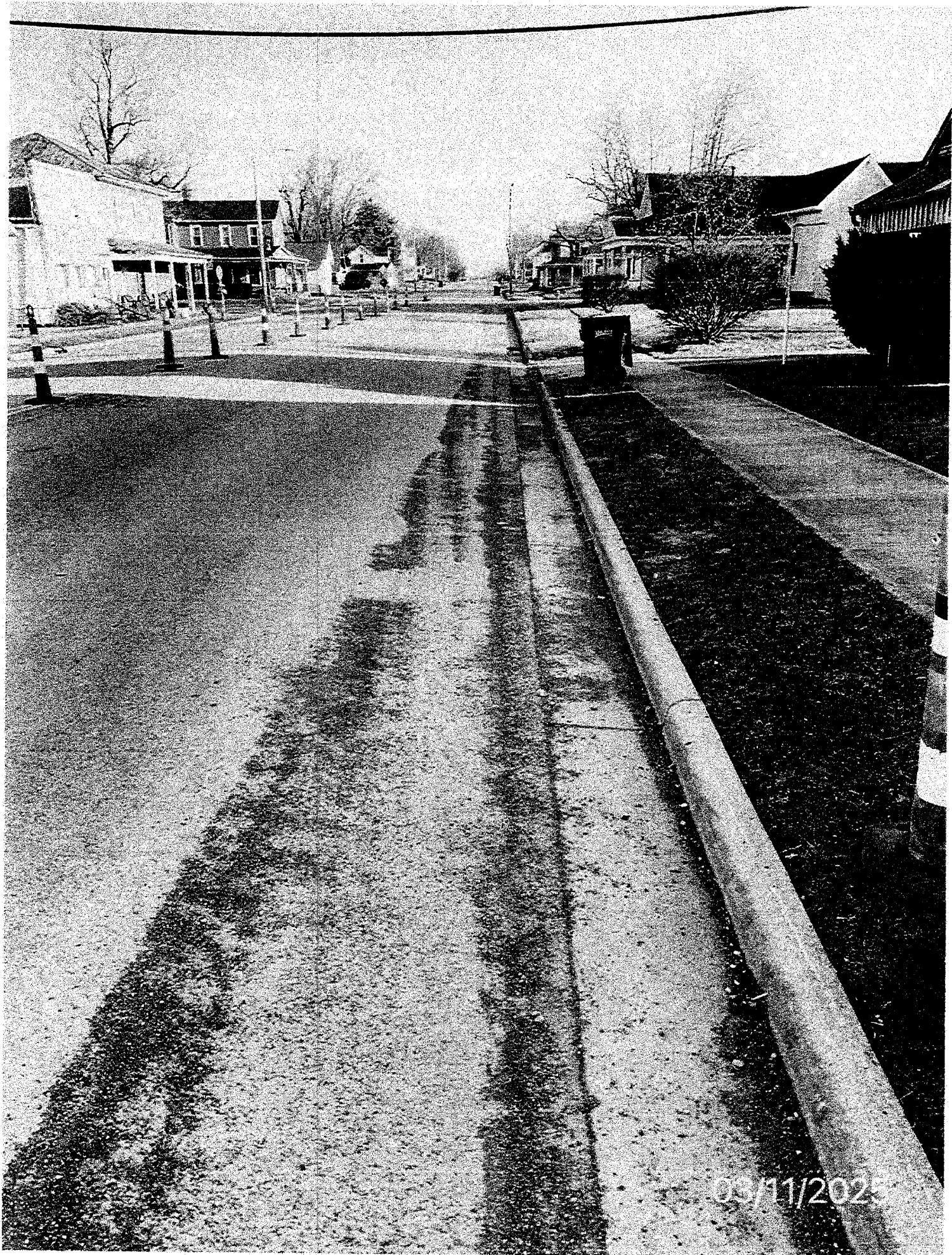
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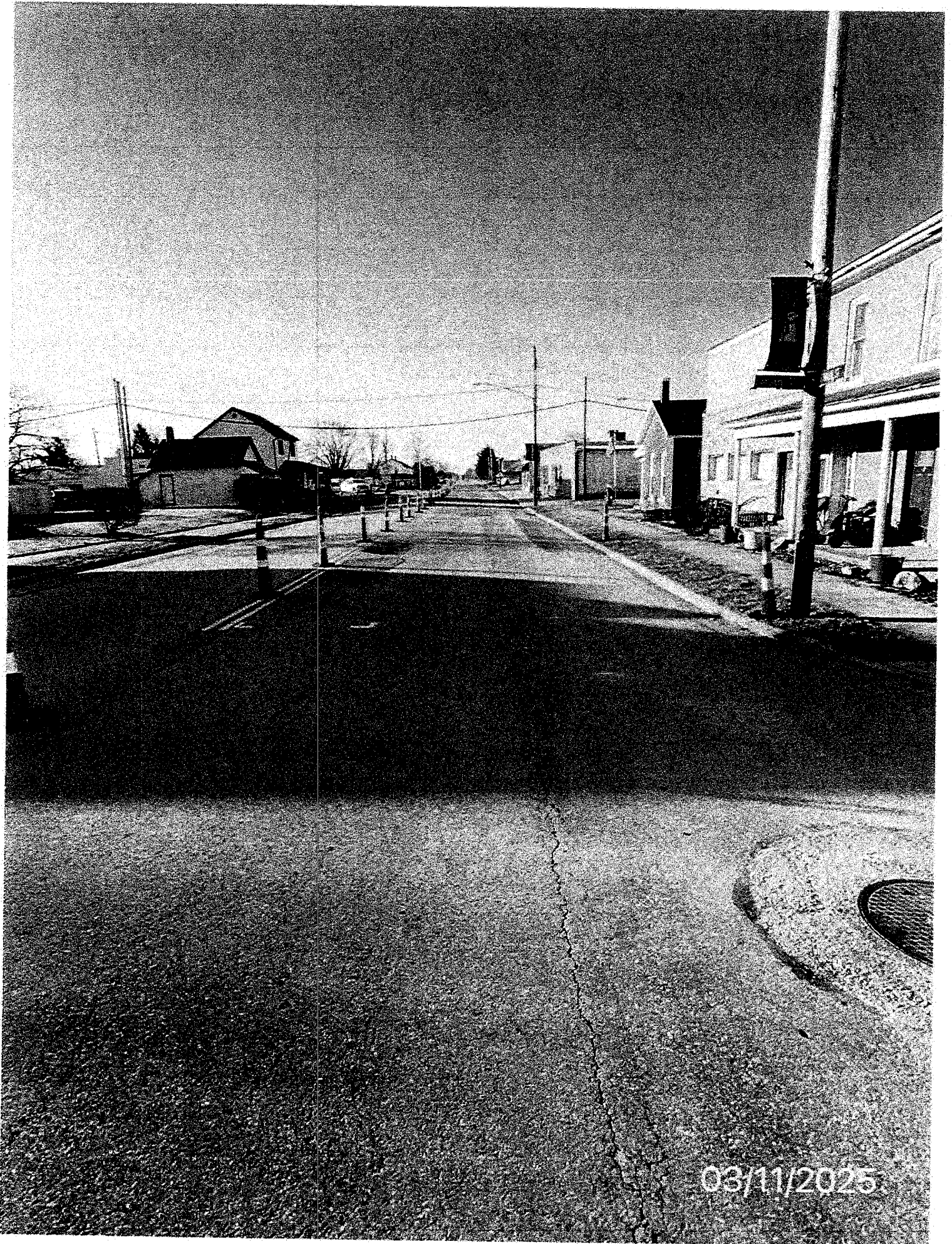
Description	Hours/Qty	Rate	Amount
Scope of work for emergency roadway repairs as follows: Mark work areas and notify OUPS to protect any underground utilities that might be present in these areas. Mobilize all traffic control equipment 24hrs prior to mobilizing equipment. Mobilize saw company and cut failed areas as directed while traffic control crew maintained traffic in both directions. Mobilize all equipment as needed to provide complete excavation of repairs complete with geogrid and compacted limestone base. Place and compact asphalt in multiple lifts for maximum compaction due to high traffic area. Once all work was completed crews hand shoveled and cleaned curb and gutters as well as storm drains from Scoot Street to North Street and swept roadway from and asphalt and temporary winter gravel repairs. Due to winter months and all asphalt plants still being closed for the season asphalt had to be brought in from Middletown, Ohio. Mobilize water truck and cool asphalt so roadway could be open same evening in both directions.		0.00	0.00
Labor including operators, flag men and all laborers	80.5	90.00	7,245.00
Equipment		2,500.00	2,500.00
Rental Equipment		1,366.36	1,366.36
Material		5,008.38	5,008.38
Traffic Control		1,500.00	1,500.00
Saw Cutting		1,800.00	1,800.00
Water Truck (includes overtime)		850.00	850.00
Limestone Aggregate	30	25.00	750.00
Trucking (three dump trucks needed)	24	125.00	3,000.00
Total			\$24,019.74
Payments/Credits			\$0.00
Balance Due			\$24,019.74



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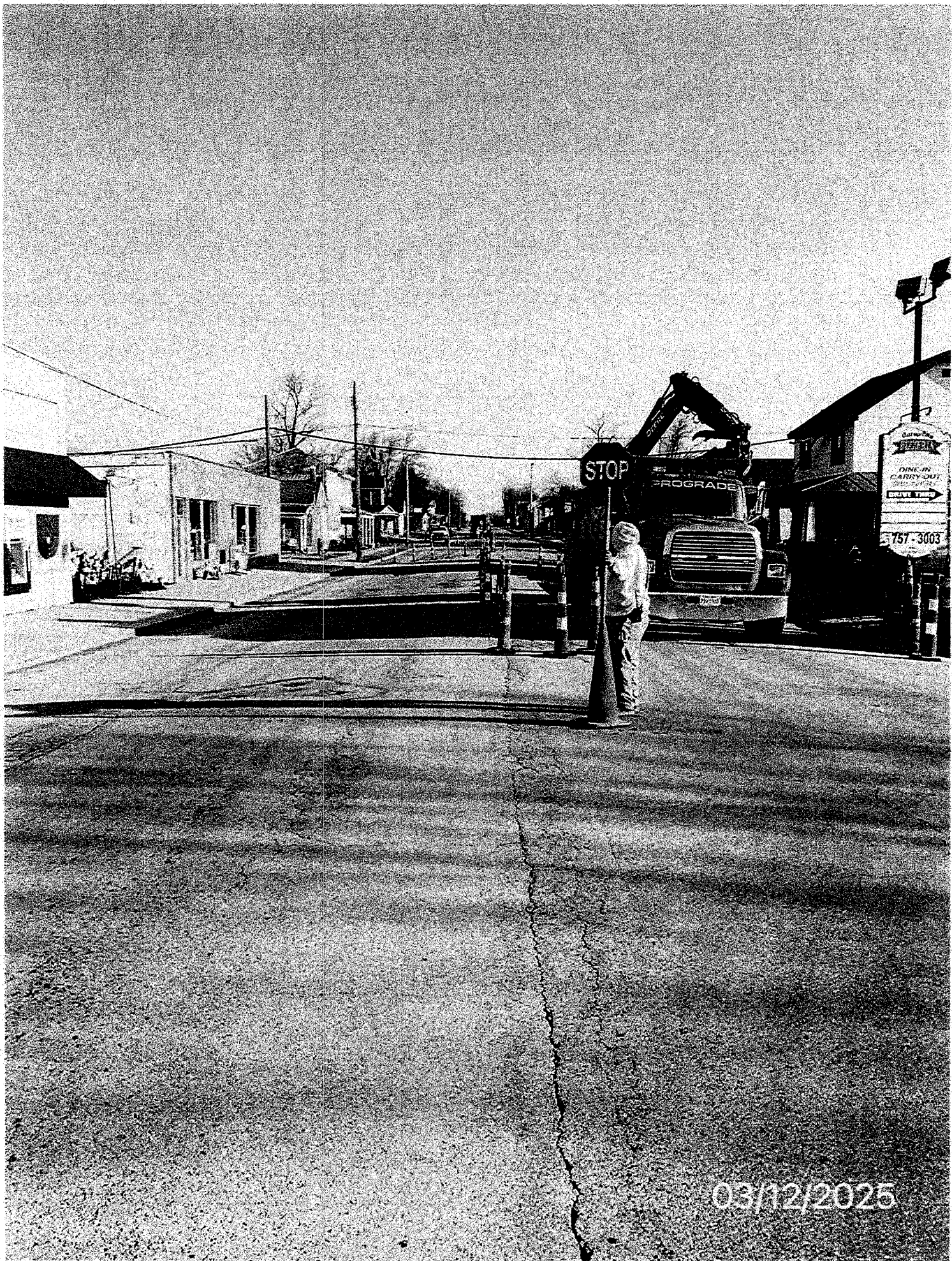
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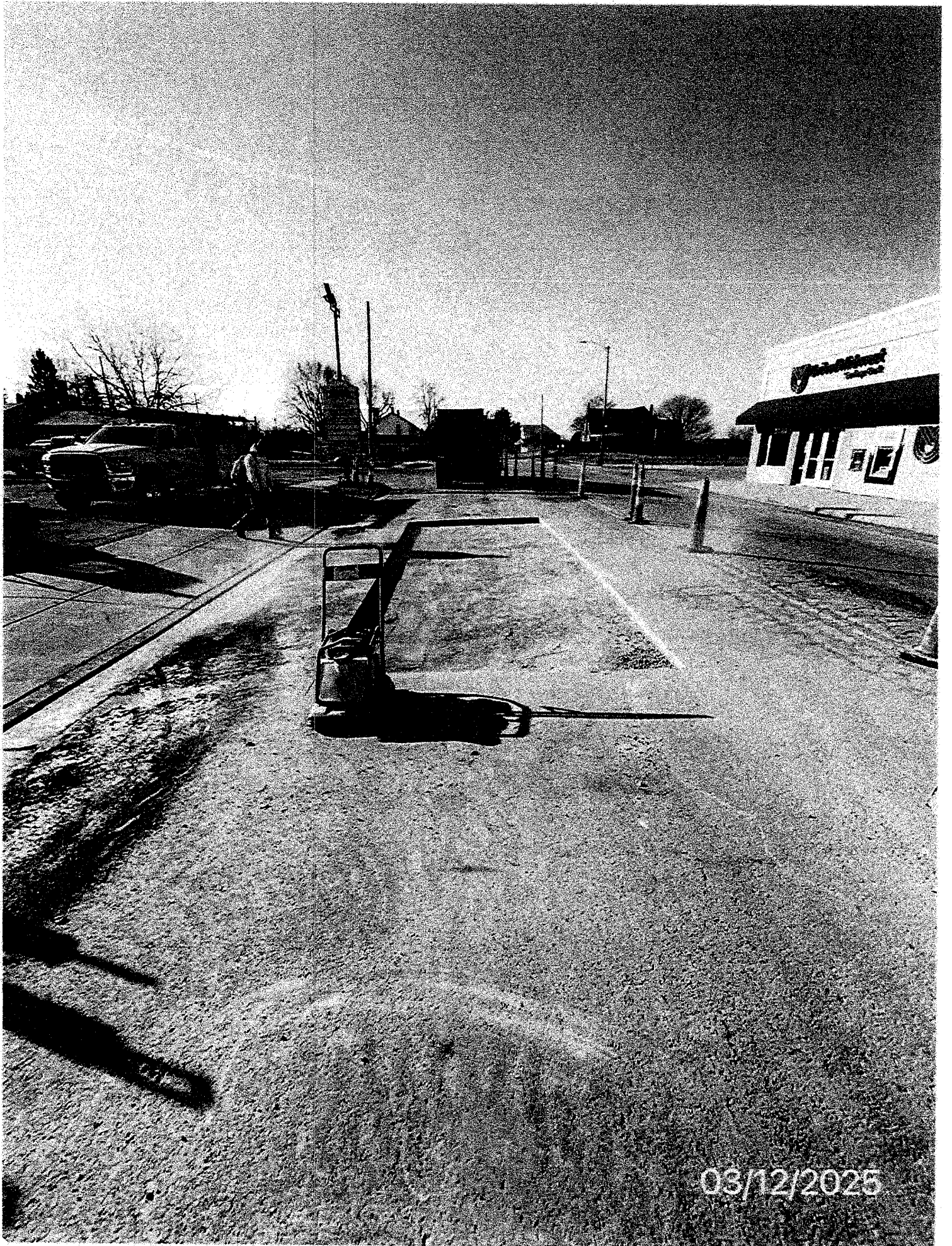


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