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Frenchtown Township (continued)

Macomb – Monroe City Limits to Cole: The hot mix asphalt resurfacing at the intersection on Macomb between City Limits and Cole is scheduled to begin the week of October 31st, pending weather. Macomb is expected to be closed to through traffic during the hot mix asphalt resurfacing operation.

Santure – M-125 to Dead End: The mill & fill on Santure is scheduled to begin the week of October 31st, pending weather. Santure is expected to be closed to through traffic during the hot mix asphalt resurfacing operation.

Leroux – At N. Dixie Highway: The hot mix asphalt resurfacing at the intersection of Leroux and N. Dixie Hwy is scheduled to begin the week October 31st, pending weather. Leroux @ N. Dixie Hwy. is expected to be closed to through traffic during the hot mix asphalt resurfacing operation.

Milan Township

N. County Line – Day to Cone: Pulverization is scheduled to begin on Monday, October 24th. During the pulverization process, the road will be closed to thru traffic.

Monroe Township

Dunbar Road from Raisinville Road to US-24: The contractor is scheduled to fog seal Dunbar Road from Raisinville Road to US-24 during the week of October 24th. During the fog sealing operation, traffic will be maintained with single lane closures and traffic regulators. Motorists are encouraged to use caution in the work zone and stay off the treated lanes until the fog seal emulsion has cured sufficiently.

South Monroe Townsite off Dunbar Road and M-125: The contractor is scheduled to finish the placement of the gravel shoulders and gravel driveway approaches in South Monroe Townsite during the week of October 31st. During the work, local traffic will be maintained with traffic regulators. The work in South Monroe Townsite is expected to last through early part of November.

Raisinville Township

Ida Maybee – M-50 to Rath Farm: The hot mix asphalt resurfacing of Ida Maybee from M-50 to Rath Farm is scheduled to begin Saturday, October 22nd or Monday, October 24th, pending weather. Ida Maybee is expected to be closed to through traffic during the hot mix asphalt resurfacing operation.

Summerfield Township

Sylvania-Petersburg – Lulu to City Limits: The contractor is scheduled to fog seal Sylvania-Petersburg Road from Lulu to City Limits during the week of October 24th. During the fog sealing operation, traffic will be maintained with single lane closures and traffic regulators. Motorists are encouraged to use caution in the work zone and stay off the treated lanes until the fog seal emulsion has cured sufficiently.

Whiteford Township

Clark – Stateline to Yankee: The contractor is scheduled to fog seal Clark Road from Stateline to city Limits during the week of October 24th. During the fog sealing operation, traffic will be maintained with single lane closures and traffic regulators. Motorists are encouraged to use caution in the work zone and stay off the treated lanes until the fog seal emulsion has cured sufficiently.

Dundee, Ida, Raisinville and Summerfield Townships

Ida West Road from Road Commission Drive to Lewis Avenue:

Phase 1 of the Ida West Road project has been completed, Ida West Road open to traffic from 1/4 mile West of Wells Road to Lewis Avenue.

Phase 2 of the Ida West Road project has also been completed, and Ida West Road is open to traffic from Road Commission Drive to the southbound US-23 ramps. The southbound US-23 entrance and exit ramps at Ida West Road are now open.

Phase 3 is currently under construction. During Phase 3, Ida West Road will be closed to all traffic between US-23 and Wells Road. The US-23 northbound entrance and exit ramps at the Ida West Road exit (#13) will also closed to all traffic during this phase. Traffic traveling east and west of Ida West Road will be detoured via Summerfield, Dixon and Wells Roads. Ida West Road traffic wishing to enter US-23 will be detoured to the Summerfield Road interchange (#9) via Summerfield, Ida Center and Wells Roads. Northbound US-23 wishing to exit at Ida West Road Exit (#13) will be detoured to Lloyd Road exit (#15) then back to Ida West Road via East Lloyd, Dixon, Summerfield or Wells Roads. The Phase 3 closure is expected to last through Friday, November 4th, weather permitting.

Autumn Driving Safety Tips



Autumn has arrived in Michigan, which means wonderful things like apples, pumpkins, beautiful foliage, and warm, comfy sweaters. For drivers, autumn also brings unique situations to the roads. Unpredictable weather, shorter days, back-to-school traffic, and increased movement of deer all create driving hazards. Turn to the Roads & Travel page for information on what you can do to keep yourself safe during the autumn season.

- ◆ **Make adjustments for the light.** Did you know that we lose a minute of daylight every day until the clocks are set back in November? Fewer hours of daylight make it more difficult to see pedestrians, cyclists and children playing in the late afternoon. Also, later sunrises mean that drivers need to adjust to the brighter sun at different times of the morning. Always keep a pair of sunglasses in your car to shield your vision.

- ◆ **Avoid driving over wet leaves.** Fall foliage is beautiful but once those leaves start falling and get wet from rain, they can become a serious driving hazard. Wet leaves are slippery and reduce traction.



- ◆ **Don't Veer for Deer.** If a crash with a deer is unavoidable, remember don't swerve. Be sure to brake firmly and hold onto the steering wheel with both hands. Come to a controlled stop and move the vehicle out of traffic to a safe location.

- ◆ **Prepare an emergency kit for your car.** Carrying an emergency kit in your car trunk or cargo area can be a real lifesaver. Be sure to include a flashlight, flares and a first-aid kit, jumper cables, extra washer fluid, nonperishable food, a jug of water, and a few basic tools such as wrenches, a ratchet/socket set, screwdrivers, and pliers.

- ◆ **Watch for frost.** Low nighttime temperatures cause frost on windshields and roads. Be sure to clear your windshield completely before driving. Also, slow down when approaching bridges and overpasses, as these structures are more prone to collect frost on the roadway surface. Stay alert for shaded areas that could create black ice during early morning and evening hours.

- ◆ **Plan ahead for changing weather conditions.** Have your car winterized before the winter storm season sets in. Keeping your car in good condition decreases your chance of being stranded in cold weather. Also, be sure to have a first-aid kit, thermal blanket, a working flashlight, a shovel and sand in your car.

- ◆ **Watch for construction work zones.** Construction work zones may still be active. Consult MDOT's MI Drive traffic Web site to plan your route. Please remember to slow down and pay attention in work zones. The life you save could be your own.



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Tuesday,
November 8, 2016**

From The Desk of the County Highway Engineer

The Image of the MCRC... It's Positive!

The MCRC has now participated in both the Bedford Trade Fair and the Monroe County Fair for six years and has expanded communications with use of social media tools such as Facebook. My first experience with the public interaction at these events was painful. Road funding was going through a challenging time and it was evident from the public feedback that expectations were not being met. That has changed. Through cooperation with our townships, the additional road funding starting to trickle in and the great success in finding and securing added federal and state funding, the health of our road network and the perception of the public has taken a very positive turn. Feedback received at the Monroe County Fair back in August provided comfort that the majority of the public is 'seeing a difference' and the Road Commission is 'doing a good job!'

I recently received a call from a resident on Ida West Road. She said that she was speaking on behalf of a group of citizens in the area and she graciously expressed their gratitude for the work occurring on Ida West Road. Not only that the road is finally being improved, but that the quality of the work is "100%" and the workers out there are great, all of them; the "guys in the trucks and on the equipment and the guys with the clipboards taking the measurements and testing stuff...", everyone is working so hard and are so nice to the people living in the area. The Ida Township Supervisor stated that the contractor's workers were "the most accommodating people" and were "one good company to have on your side." He gave credit to the MCRC staff for the method of treatment for the road by indicating "it was an ideal project."

Great job everyone! Comments like those above are a testament to the continued improvement to our agency image and the road building industry in general. Thanks to all for their efforts and dedication!

Scott F. Assenmacher



YOU ASKED A QUESTION

The MCRC often receives questions about a particular service or concern about the roadway. The Road Commission will try to address those concerns and questions. If you have a question you would like published in the bi-monthly newsletter, please forward it to Alyssa at mcrc@mcrc-mi.org or 734-240-5102.

Why can't salt be put on roads before it snows?

Putting salt on road surfaces prior to a snowfall wastes time and money since salt often bounces from the dry road during application and, the portion that manages to land in the right location is subject to wind and traffic which blows the salt off the road before it can do its job.

Contacting MCRC

If you need information about a road project or want to report a pothole, traffic signal problem or other road concern, please call the MCRC at 734-240-5102, email us at mcrc@mcrc-mi.org or visit us on the web at: www.mcrc-mi.org

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MISSION STATEMENT:

The Monroe County Road Commission vows to provide quality, courteous and dependable professional services through innovative, cost-effective ways to maintain our road system through transparency, trust and collaboration between citizens, business and government.

