

INGHAM COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

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MT. HOPE ROAD RECONSTRUCTION NOTICE

August 12, 2010

Dear Residents:

The much-anticipated construction to improve Mt. Hope Road from Farm Lane to Okemos Road is fast approaching. Pending the contract award by the Michigan Department of Transportation, construction was originally scheduled to begin the week of August 16th. At the present time, this contract has yet to be awarded, and therefore the commencing of this work has been postponed to the week of August 30th. We expect construction to be completed by mid to late November.

The project will generally consist of grinding the existing road up into a gravel-like material, adding a liquid stabilizing agent and using that material for pavement base, and repaving over that base material. In addition to paving, the project includes storm sewer and culvert repair/replacement, extending curb and gutter in all shoulder areas east of Hagadorn Road, and sidewalk ramp updates.

A new culvert and raised road profile will be constructed at the Herron Creek, east of Hagadorn Road. Also, a large storm sewer pipe will be constructed for Michigan State University, west of the CSX Railroad tracks. These work items will require a complete closure to through traffic, both east and west of Hagadorn Road. Through-traffic is traffic whose origin and destination are outside the project limits and where the vehicle is "just passing through" the work zone.

Mt. Hope Road will be open for local traffic during the entire project. Local traffic is traffic that has an origin or destination within the work zone, such as homeowners, daycare attendance, mail service, garbage pick-up, and deliveries etc. Residents, please be assured that you should always be able to access your property from at least one direction. That said, you may be prevented from accessing your property from a particular direction, depending on your property location relative to the work zone. Please be alert to changes in work location during the project that will affect access. The Road Commission will make every effort to minimize inconvenience to you, and we will have staff on site during construction activities if questions or concerns arise. Please check our website for project updates during construction (www.inghamcrc.org).

Motorists should anticipate posting of road closure and detour signing on or about August 16th, with construction work starting immediately thereafter. Mt. Hope Road will be closed to through traffic during much of the construction period. The closures will be executed in 3 phases:

Phase 1 - between Farm Lane and Hagadorn Road (Will be open for MSU home football games);
Phase 2 - between Hagadorn Road and Comanche Drive; and
Phase 3 - between Comanche Drive and Okemos Road.

The posted detour route will run along Farm Lane to Service Drive to Hagadorn Road for phase 1, and along Hagadorn Road, Jolly Road, and Okemos Road for phases 2 and 3. Of course, you are welcome to travel on any public road other than the posted detour, such as Bennett Road or Grand River (M-43), although, M-43 is currently under construction, as well.

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The phase 2 and 3 closures will last for several weeks, as there is significant underground work, particularly west of Comanche Drive. As soon as the leveling (1st) course of asphalt is completed within each phase, that phase will be opened to through traffic. Top course paving will be performed under single lane closures for the full length of the project.

A few residents' driveway approaches will need to be reconstructed in conjunction with the project. If your driveway is affected by construction in any way, the Contractor will coordinate that work with you to insure that necessary access is maintained to your property during construction. If you have special needs or access requirements, please contact the Road Commission at the number(s) below.

If you own property along Mt. Hope Road, and your property frontage contains valuable private appurtenances such as landscaping, irrigation systems, culvert headwalls, fencing or other posts, gates, lighting, or wiring within the construction grading limits, please be aware that these items may be damaged or removed during construction. When such appurtenances are within the road right-of-way (ranges from 33 to 60 feet from the centerline, depending on location along Mt. Hope Road), the Road Commission requests that the property owner relocate these items outside the road right-of-way before construction begins. The Road Commission is not responsible for replacement or salvage of these items unless they are outside the road right-of-way or within an executed grading permit or easement. Please contact the Road Commission if you have any questions.

The Ingham County Road Commission and the Contractor will coordinate with the Post Office for mail delivery to Mt. Hope Road residents during project construction. If temporary relocation of your mailbox is necessary, the Post Office and/or your mail carrier will direct the Road Commission where to place your mailbox during construction activities. Please contact the Road Commission if you have a decorative, ornamental, or masonry mailbox that may be within the construction work limits. The Road Commission cannot guarantee that unique mailboxes can be relocated or replaced in-kind.

CATA routes will be detoured during construction as well. Go to www.cata.org and click on "Rider Alerts" for route schedule updates.

Thank you in advance for your patience and cooperation with the impending construction. There will certainly be inconvenience and/or delays for residents and through traffic alike. The Ingham County Road Commission will work hard to minimize and mitigate delays and inconveniences whenever possible.

Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns regarding this project. I will be happy to provide any information or assistance that I can. Thank you again for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

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