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FITCHBURG ROAD Resurfacing – Leslie City Limits to Nims Road
2017 CONSTRUCTION PROJECT NOTICE

The Ingham County Road Department (ICRD) is pleased to announce that preliminary design work for repaving Fitchburg Road between Leslie city limits and Nims Road is underway, with construction anticipated to start mid-summer 2017. The proposed project will consist of asphalt resurfacing along with replacing deteriorated culvert crossings, asphalt patching and a chip seal interlayer. The interlayer is designed to extend the service life of the new asphalt surface by retarding reflective cracking through the overlay from the original pavement below. The proposed work includes removal of trees along the road frontage that are within the safety "clear zone" prescribed by state and federal design guidelines. The project is being funded by Federal Surface Transportation Program (STP) funding and matching funds from Ingham County Road Department and will be bid through a spring 2017 Michigan Department of Transportation bid letting.

Thank you in advance for your patience and cooperation with the impending construction. Motorists should anticipate inconvenience during construction, but Road Department staff and the Contractor will work hard to minimize and mitigate inconveniences whenever possible. There will be ICRD staff on site during construction activities to answer questions and resolve public concerns as they arise. Here is some additional project information and Road Department project staff contact information:

1) Schedule. Project construction is currently anticipated to start mid-summer 2017 and be substantially complete by Labor Day. The final schedule will depend on completion of final design details and coordination of work between contractor and county forces. Tree removals will be performed by ICRD crews between January and March 2017, prior to the start of contracted work. Check our website for detour information and progress schedule updates at (<http://rc.ingham.org/RoadConstruction.aspx>).

2) Proposed Work. The proposed construction will essentially consist of repaving the existing road in kind. Enhancements will include widening for paved shoulders between the city limits and Jackson Road, and installation of intersection curb at both Fitchburg Road approaches to Meridian Road. Fitchburg Road will be closed and detoured for replacement of major culvert crossings at county drain crossings (including the Craddock Drain crossing both Wright Road and Fitchburg Road, the Ruthig Drain between Wright Rd and Cooper Rd and the Vicary Drain between Meridian Rd and Nims Rd), as well as minor cross culverts throughout the project. Culverts will be replaced sequentially to ensure access to properties from at least one direction at all times.

3) Construction Detour. Fitchburg Road will be closed to through-traffic during project construction. Note that through-traffic are vehicles with both an origin and destination outside the project limits that pass through the work zone. Local traffic has either origin or destination within the project limits, such as residents, businesses, schools, etc on Fitchburg Road. Detour signing will be placed to direct through-traffic around the construction via Meridian Road or Nims Road to Kinneville Road and Kirby Road to Main Street. Local traffic to and from properties within the work zone will be maintained at all times, but please note that access to property will be limited to only one direction during certain construction work including installation of culvert and storm sewer pipes across the road. Residents and patrons that need to access Fitchburg Road properties should anticipate that the accessible direction to their destination will change as the work progresses.

4) Driveways. If your residence or business is within the project limits, your driveway approach may be inaccessible for short durations during construction, particularly if you have a concrete driveway. Temporary ramps will be placed if necessary to minimize inconvenience.

5) Mailboxes and Right-of-Way Encroachments. If your residence/business on Fitchburg Road contains private appurtenances such as landscaping, culvert headwalls, ornamental mailboxes, irrigation systems, signs, fencing, posts, etc. within the road right-of-way, it is possible that they will be in the way of construction. To avoid damage and/or removal of these items by the contractor, the Road department requests that residents relocate all such appurtenances outside the road right-of-way (typically 33 ft from road centerline) before construction begins. The Road Department will relocate standard mailboxes/posts, and driveway culverts where necessary, but we are not responsible for replacement or salvage of non-standard items or any other customized features if they are within the existing road right-of-way.

6) Tree Removals. As indicated above, trees within the safety “clear zone” along the edge of the road, determined to be about 15 ft from the edge of the road for this project, will be removed. If there are trees along your property frontage that are to be removed, you will receive a tree acknowledgement form along with this letter. Property owners have the right to retain felled timber from their property frontage. **We ask that you fill out and return the form in the envelope provided by January 13th**, particularly if you desire to retain the felled timber from your property. The timber will be stockpiled on your property, outside the road right-of-way and project work limits. Timber will be cut into “transportable lengths,” typically about 8 - 10 ft long.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation in making the Fitchburg Road project successful. If you have any questions or concerns, you are welcome to contact the Road Department for more information:

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