

WASHTENAW COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

TO: Washtenaw County Board of Road Commissioners

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SUBJECT: Staff Report – February 22, 2010 thru March 7, 2010

DATE: March 16, 2010

TOWNSHIP REPORTS

A. Maintenance

Scraping of soft surfaced roads and patching of paved roads took place throughout the County. In addition, the following specific maintenance activities were performed in individual townships.

ANN ARBOR TOWNSHIP

- Limestone Patch – Maple Road, Gleaner Hall Road: 20 tons of limestone
- Gravel Patch – Maple Road: 10 tons of gravel
- Guardrail Repair – Earhart Road

AUGUSTA TOWNSHIP

- Limestone Patch – Tuttle Hill Road, Hitchingham Road, Judd Road, Arkona Road: 110 tons of limestone

BRIDGEWATER TOWNSHIP

- Limestone Patch – Braun Road, Burmeister Road: 57 tons of limestone

DEXTER TOWNSHIP

- Limestone Patch – Noah Road, Wylie Road: 4 tons of limestone
- Gravel Patch – Noah Road: 10 tons of gravel

FREEDOM TOWNSHIP

- Limestone Patch – Hieber Road, Lima Center Road: 27 tons of limestone

LIMA TOWNSHIP

- Limestone Patch – Fletcher Road, Trinkle Road, Dancer Road, Gross Road: 82 tons of limestone
- Boom Mower – Liberty Road, Trinkle Road, Jerusalem Road

LODI TOWNSHIP

- Limestone Patch – Dell Road, Saline-Waterworks Road, Textile Road, Zeeb Road, Waters Road: 28 tons of limestone

MANCHESTER TOWNSHIP

- Limestone Patch – Ely Road: 12 tons of limestone

NORTHFIELD TOWNSHIP

- Limestone Patch – Kearney Road, Eight Mile Road, Northfield Church Road, Spencer Road, Maple Road: 55 tons of limestone
- Gravel Patch – Maple Road: 20 tons of gravel
- Pick Up Fallen Tree – Joy Road

PITTSFIELD TOWNSHIP

- Limestone Patch – Bemis Road, Merritt Road, Warner Road: 15 tons of limestone

SALEM TOWNSHIP

- Limestone Patch – Joy Road, Brookville Road: 5 tons of limestone
- Gravel Patch – Joy Road: 10 tons of gravel

SALINE TOWNSHIP

- Limestone Patch – Macon Road, Case Road, Marion Road, Abel Road, Willow Road, Mooreville Road, Hack Road: 190 tons of limestone

SCIO TOWNSHIP

- Limestone Patch – East Delhi Road, Marshall Road: 45 tons of limestone

SHARON TOWNSHIP

- Limestone Patch – Grass Lake Road, Bethel Church Road, Hashley Road, Heim Road, Smythe Road: 99 tons of limestone
- Pick Up Fallen Tree – Jacob Road
- Cut Dead Trees – Grass Lake Road west of M-52
- Grind Stumps – Grass Lake Road
- Cassidy Lake Prison Brush Crew – Parr Road

SUPERIOR TOWNSHIP

- Limestone Patch – Cherry Hill Road, Vorhies Road: 85 tons of limestone

WEBSTER TOWNSHIP

- Limestone Patch – Gregory Road, Chamberlin Road, Huron River Drive, Walsh Road, Webster Church Road, Joy Road, Zeeb Road, Barker Road, Gregory Road, Merrill Road, North Delhi Road: 134 tons of limestone

YORK TOWNSHIP

- Limestone Patch – Fosdick Road, Warner Road: 20 tons of limestone

YPSILANTI TOWNSHIP

- Limestone Patch – Bemis Road, Munger Road, Ellis Road: 90 tons of limestone

TREE CREW

- Webster Township – Scully Road south of North Territorial Road
- Dexter Township – McGregor Road east of Dexter-Pinckney Road
- Lyndon Township – Waterloo Road east of Roe Road

STATE TRUNKLINE

- Patch – I-94, US-23, M-14, M-52, US-12
- Delineator Maintenance – M-14, US-23
- Saw Cut in Preparation to Repair Catch Basin – M-17
- Night Patrol Duties

WINTER

Crews were called seven times for winter weather and used 2972 tons of salt and 1025 tons of sand.

B. Construction

The detailed review of routes for the potential “Jobs for Main Street” federal funding continued. Staff identified the preferred material testing consultant based on a review of the consultant proposals for the Pleasant Lake Road/Sharon Hollow Road project. Staff continued the review of final payments on the East Delhi Road Bridge project; a meeting was held with the Contractor on March 3, 2010, to review submitted force account information. Permits and Construction staff coordinated with MichCon regarding the relocation of gas utilities for the Whittaker Road/Stony Creek Road roundabout project.

COUNTY-WIDE

2010 ARRA Preventative Maintenance Program: The bid opening for the 2010 ARRA Preventative Maintenance Program was held by MDOT on March 5, 2010. Barrett Paving Materials, Inc. is the apparent low bidder. Once the bids have been verified a pre-construction meeting will be held.

DEXTER TOWNSHIP

Dexter-Pinckney Rd @ Portage Lake Canal - Bridge Replacement: A consultant fee proposal for materials testing was reviewed and submitted to the WCRC Board for approval. Contractor submittals, including concrete box beam shop drawings and a proposed alternate foundation design were reviewed. Preconstruction meeting minutes were completed and distributed. The designated truck route to/from the bridge site was discussed with the Village of Dexter. A project update was distributed to project stakeholders, including area media in preparation for the impending closure of Dexter-Pinckney Road. Construction/detour sign locations were staked. Portable electronic message boards were set up on Dexter-Pinckney Road. Permits and Construction staff reviewed and discussed the proposed sanitary sewer work by the Portage-Base Lakes Water & Sewer Authority.

PITTSFIELD TOWNSHIP

Platt Road Greenway, Ellsworth Road to Textile Road – Pathway Construction: Staff continues to verify final quantities as measured in the field and as agreed to with the contractor. Staff requested verification of the final punchlist with the township.

Oak Valley Drive - Road Resurfacing: A grade inspection meeting was held with the MDOT consultant on March 25. The intended MDOT bid letting date is June 2010. However, due to the uncertainty of funding at the federal/state level, bid letting dates are uncertain.

SCIO TOWNSHIP

Jackson Road, Dino Drive to Honey Creek – Road Reconstruction: Staff continues reviewing final quantities for agreement with the contractor. Quantities and costs with several subcontractors have been finalized and contract modifications prepared for payment to the contractor. Staff also prepared a 2010 cash flow spreadsheet for use by the DDA for their 2010/2011 budget.

YPSILANTI TOWNSHIP

Whittaker Road/Stony Creek Road – Roundabout Construction: Staff has been working with MichCon representatives and their contractor as the gas main relocations are completed in preparation for the road construction project. Several citizens have sent requests for information. A public meeting has been scheduled for March 25 to discuss the upcoming project. Road construction is anticipated to begin April 12.

Rawsonville Rd @ Bemis Rd - Intersection Improvement: A preconstruction meeting was scheduled for March 11; the meeting notice was prepared and distributed.

C. Project Development

DESIGN

Staff continues processing documentation for the “Scio Hills” subdivision special assessment district and proceeding with developing design plans for this project. Staff prepared base plans for the Willis Road/Carpenter Road intersection project in York Township and conducted a utility coordination meeting on March 5, 2010. Staff is developing design cross sections for the Whittaker Road/Stony Creek Road project. Staff has researched and is developing display boards for the upcoming Sugar Creek Drainage District Public Hearing. Staff is working with the WCRC legal counsel in preparation for the upcoming Bellemeade/Lincoln Consolidated Schools lawsuit. Staff is finalizing design details for the Rawsonville Road/Bemis Road Safety project. Staff continues assisting the Construction Section with required MDOT document submittals on the Plymouth Road/Gotfredson Safety project, and the Jackson Road, Phase III project and continues project setup for 2010 Federal Aid projects. Staff has sent the final draft of the certification maps for publishing and is finalizing documentation to submit to the State.

RIGHT-OF-WAY ACTIVITIES

Staff continues to meet with property owners and obtaining various permits necessary for construction of the Willis Road/Carpenter Road intersection improvements in York Township. Staff continues to monitor the sale of a foreclosed property adjacent to the Bethel Church gravel pit, requested the real estate salesperson provide closing information and to indicate our interest in the site. Staff continues to close out remaining invoices and project parcel files on the Jackson Road, Phase III project and monitor parcel 38. Staff received a check for recording the Dexter-Ann Arbor Road property transfer at the Register of Deeds office. Staff researched property owner information for a parcel of property near Ann-Arbor Saline Road and Lohr Circle for a proposed traffic mitigation project funded by local businesses. Staff continues to retrieve recorded condominium site plans from the Register of Deeds office. Staff continues to monitor and direct the negotiations for a proposed ITC corridor in Scio Township.

Staff mailed project information to a property owner near the Dexter-Pinckney Bridge project and followed up via telephone to address concerns they had regarding detour routes. Staff is compiling ownership information and parcel files for the Willow Road Culvert project.

SURVEY ACTIVITIES

Staff continues developing storm cut sheets for the Rawsonville Road/Bemis Road project and compiling cross section stakeout sheets. Staff is preparing construction staking data and began setting control in the field for the Dexter-Pinckney Bridge project. Staff is reviewing design cross sections for the Rawsonville Road/Bemis Road Safety project. Staff continues compiling construction staking data for the Whittaker Road/Stony Creek Road Roundabout project. Staff continues setting up CADD standards in the recently deployed Civil 3D software and is preparing for conversion over to this software for mapping and construction staking. Staff completed preparing pavement condition maps for use in Township meetings. Staff is compiling information and developing a program for stream sign crossing locations in compliance with the MS4 permit. Staff completed dry run inspections of all assigned vehicles.

D. Permits & Subdivisions

Staff received 19 new right-of-way permit applications during this period and logged 13 plans for review. At this time there are 78 pending right-of-way permits (applied for but not issued); 13 residential, 30 commercial, 27 utility, and eight miscellaneous permits. Staff completed 11 plan reviews, five motor carrier enforcement stops, and completed the annual road certification map update. Currently there are 412 active right-of-way permits (issued & awaiting completion); 144 residential, 43 commercial, 177 utility, and 48 miscellaneous permits. Staff issued four residential drive, one commercial drive, nine utility, and 81 transportation permits and receipted approximately \$13,150 in permit fees and surety.

PITTSFIELD TOWNSHIP

Water Main Improvements, Section 1: The Contractor began work on directional drilling water main.

SCIO TOWNSHIP

Village of Dexter Water System Improvements: The Contractor began installation of water main on Parker Road.