

## WASHTENAW COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

**TO:** Washtenaw County Board of Road Commissioners

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**SUBJECT:** Staff Report – August 29, 2011 to September 11, 2011

**DATE:** September 20, 2011

### 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

- Cut Bleeders – Pontiac Trail
- Repair Washout – Country Club Road
- Roadside Mowing
- Pick Up Fallen Trees – Warren Road, Huron River Drive
- Grind Stumps – Gleaner Hall Road

#### AUGUSTA TOWNSHIP

- Dust Control – Local Roads
- Limestone Patch – Tuttle Hill Road, Arkona Road: 27 tons of limestone
- Ditching – Arkona Road
- Pick Up Fallen Trees – Talladay Road, Tuttle Hill Road

#### BRIDGEWATER TOWNSHIP

- Dust Control – Local Roads
- Repair Washout – Sheridan Road
- Roadside Clean Up – Willow Road, Burmeister Road

#### DEXTER TOWNSHIP

- Sweeping – Fleming Road
- Repair Washout – Toma Road
- Boom Mower – Dexter Town hall Road
- Roadside Mowing
- Pick Up Fallen Trees – Stofer Road, North Territorial Road
- Grind Stumps – Dexter-Pinckney Road

#### FREEDOM TOWNSHIP

- Dust Control – Primary Roads
- Pick Up Fallen Trees – Parker Road, Esch Road, Waters Road

LIMA TOWNSHIP

- Limestone Patch Shoulders – Old US-12: 6 tons of limestone
- Limestone Patch – Trinkle Road, Dancer Road, Guenther Road: 57 tons of limestone
- Gravel Patch – Liberty Road: 20 tons of gravel
- Clean Culvert – Lima Center Road
- Repair Washout – Freer Road
- Roadside Mowing
- Roadside Clean Up – Jackson Road
- Pick Up Fallen Trees & Limbs – Jerusalem Road, Gross Road, Steinbach Road, Scio Church Road, Wylie Road, Peckins Road, Dexter-Chelsea Road
- Private Order Dust Control – Fletcher Road

LODI TOWNSHIP

- Dust Control – Primary and Local Roads
- Sand Bag Culvert – Pleasant Lake Road
- Replace Crossroad Culvert – Ellsworth Road east of Gensley Road
- Grind Stumps – Textile Road

LYNDON TOWNSHIP

- Dust Control – Local Roads
- Limestone Patch – Guinan Drive: 40 tons of limestone
- Gravel Patch – Bowdish Road: 40 tons of gravel
- Repair Washouts – Bush Road, Roepke Road
- Boom Mower – Roe Road
- Roadside Mowing
- Pick Up Fallen Limbs – Rex Road

MANCHESTER TOWNSHIP

- Dust Control – Primary Roads
- Locate Culvert – Herman Road
- Pick Up Fallen Trees – Noggles Road, Wellwood Road

NORTHFIELD TOWNSHIP

- Limestone Patch – Northfield Church Road: 15 tons of limestone
- Ditching – Whitmore Lake Road
- Pick Up Fallen Trees – Northfield Church Road, Hellner Road, Six Mile Road, Sutton Road

PITTSFIELD TOWNSHIP

- Clean Catch Basins – Carpenter Road, Ellsworth Road, Warner Creek Drive, Wedgewood Drive, Henlon Circle
- Cut Dead Tree – Morgan Road east of Thomas Road

SALEM TOWNSHIP

- Scrape Shoulders – Six Mile Road
- Limestone Patch Shoulders – Six Mile Road, Pontiac Trail, Dixboro Road: 48 tons of limestone

- Dust Control – Local Roads
- Berm Removal – Joy Road
- Repair Washout – Chubb Road
- Roadside Mowing
- Pick Up Fallen Trees – Six Mile Road, Seven Mile Road, Pontiac Trail

#### SALINE TOWNSHIP

- Dust Control – Local Roads
- Ditching – Feldkamp Road, Lindsley Road
- Clean Culvert – Marion Road
- Replace Crossroad Culvert – Lindsley Road north of Hack Road

#### SCIO TOWNSHIP

- Dust Control – Local Roads
- Limestone Patch – Liberty Road, Park Road, Peters Road, East Delhi Road, West Delhi Road, North Delhi Road: 108 tons of limestone
- Clean Culvert – Pineview Drive
- Cut Dead Tree – East Delhi Road north of Miller Road

#### SHARON TOWNSHIP

- Sweeping – Sharon Hollow Road, Sharon Valley Road
- Pick Up Fallen Trees – Hashley Road, Sylvan Road, Jacob Road, Grass Lake Road, Lehman Road, Walker Road, Below Road, Sharon Hollow Road, Struthers Road, Smythe Road, Peckins Road, Kendall Road

#### SUPERIOR TOWNSHIP

- Scrape Shoulders – Dixboro Road
- Repair Catch Basins – Devon Street, Durham Court
- Grind Stumps – Heather Drive
- Pick Up Fallen Trees – Geddes Road, Hickman Road, Stommel Road, Harris Road

#### SYLVAN TOWNSHIP

- Dust Control – Primary and Local Roads
- Gravel Patch – Ridge Road: 20 tons of gravel
- Ditching – Garvey Road, Kilmer Road, Lowery Road, Maximillian Court, Notten Road
- Clean Culverts – Garvey Road, Lingane Road, Kilmer Road
- Repair Washouts – Ivey Road, Sylvan Road, Notten Road
- Boom Mower – Sylvan Road, Heim Road
- Pick Up Fallen Trees and Limbs – Kilmer Road, Sager Road, Ridge Road, Pierce Road, Bush Road

#### WEBSTER TOWNSHIP

- Sweeping – Webster Church Road
- Limestone Patch – Barker Road, Jennings Road, Merrill Road, Valentine Road: 17 tons of limestone
- Clean Culverts – Joy Road, Mast Road, Farrell Road
- Boom Mower – Webster Church Road, Mast Road, North Territorial Road
- Grind Stumps – Webster Church Road

YORK TOWNSHIP

- Limestone Patch – Judd Road, Begole Road, Maple Road: 52 tons of limestone
- Ditching – Mooreville Road
- Repair Washouts – Carpenter Road
- Replace Crossroad Culverts – Mooreville Road north of Willow Road, Mooreville Road west of Willow Road

YPSILANTI TOWNSHIP

- Limestone Patch – Bemis Road: 21 tons of limestone
- Gravel Patch – Bemis Road: 14 tons of gravel
- Ditching – Stratford Road, Prospect Road, River Street, Clark Road
- Clean Catch Basins – Township Wide
- Pick Up Fallen Trees & Limbs – Grove Road, Cascade Lane, Coleman Street, Crittendon Avenue, Parkwood Avenue, Jay Street, Harris Road
- Cut Dead Trees – Grove Road, Nash Street, Jay Street

TREE CREW

- Lima Township – Jerusalem Road at Parker Road
- Webster Township – Mast Road north of Gregory Road

CONSTRUCTION

- Ypsilanti Township – crack sealing on Packard Road
- Salem Township – placement of 4682 tons of limestone on Chubb Road between Five Mile Road and Six Mile Road
- Salem/Superior Townships – placement of 3428 tons of limestone on Joy Road between Dixboro Road and Vorhies Road
- Ann Arbor Township – placement of 2455 tons of limestone on Gleaner Hall Road between Joy Road and Warren Road
- Superior Township – placement of 759 tons of limestone on Berry Road
- Dexter Township – berm removal in preparation to gravel placement on Toma Road between North Territorial Road and Stinchfield Woods Road
- Scio Township – work continues on the roads in Uplands of Scio with the curb and gutter and storm structure repairs completed. The eight cul-de-sacs have been completed. The three main roads will be completed the week of September 12<sup>th</sup>. A daily meeting with the Homeowner's Association president has made this project a successful project for all.
- Maple Road – construction prep work continues for the Maple Road project between Stein Road and Joy Road. The intersection of Maple Road and Joy Road is scheduled to be worked on this fall, as well as the replacement of four crossroad culverts and dead tree removal this fall. A Township and resident information meeting will be scheduled later this fall/early winter.

### STATE TRUNKLINE

- Patrol Patching – I-94, M-52, M-14, US-12
- Roadside Clean Up – US-23, M-14, I-94
- Roadside Mowing – I-94, US-23
- Guardrail Repair – US-23, I-94
- Clean Drains – I-94, US-23, US-12
- Repair Washouts – I-94, US-23
- Rolling Lane Closure for MDOT Crew
- Traffic Control for Accidents – I-94, US-23

### **B. Construction**

No report available.

### **C. Project Development**

#### DESIGN

Staff began collecting information for the development of plans, proposals and estimates for the capital preventative maintenance program for the urban area. Staff continues to develop the design for the Carpenter Road/Packard Road intersection safety improvement project. Staff is working with the home owners association of the Polo Fields in developing a special assessment district for the area. Staff developed drawings for submittal of an MDOT permit for the intersection of Washtenaw Avenue/Golfside Road as part of the Golfside Road resurfacing project in Pittsfield and Ypsilanti Townships. Staff continues processing a request for a special assessment district paving project in Fox Ridge Subdivision in Lodi Township.

#### RIGHT-OF-WAY

Staff obtained permit from a property owner necessary for construction activities on the Lima-Center Bridge in Lima Township. Staff provided market data of land sales in Pittsfield Township for planning purposes. Staff assisted Permit staff with a drainage issue in Manchester Township. Staff closed on a public road easement and obtained a grading permit necessary for the Hitchingham Road/Merritt Road project. Staff revised and submitted offers to acquire road right-of-way from two property owners on the Golfside Road project necessary to install ADA compliant ramps at the intersection of Washtenaw Avenue. Staff received two service requests regarding encroachments in the road right-of-way and continued to work with property owners on several others previously received. Staff continues with efforts to archive road plans electronically. Staff reviewed archived records and purged materials pursuant to the records retention schedule.

## SURVEY

Staff continues compiling the survey data to develop existing plans for the Ford Road Bridge Replacement. Staff continues collecting storm sewer data in compliance with the MS4 permit requirements. Staff reestablished section corner and centerline control points and set monument boxes on various overlay projects throughout the county. Staff assisted the County Highway Engineer in developing maps depicting project locations for the proposed County-wide millage program. Staff revised sketches and legal descriptions for proposed easement acquisitions along Golfside Road in Ypsilanti and Pittsfield Townships. Staff developed the draft of the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) for 2012-2016 for review by the Board of Road Commissioners.

### **D. Permits & Subdivisions**

Staff received 15 new right-of-way permit applications during this period and logged 16 plans for review. At this time there are 74 pending right-of-way permits (applied for but not issued); 24 residential, 23 commercial, 17 utility, and 10 miscellaneous permits. Staff completed eight plan reviews, two sight distance studies, issued two stop work orders and completed four final inspections. Currently there are 458 active right-of-way permits (issued & awaiting completion); 181 residential, 41 commercial, 159 utility, and 77 miscellaneous permits. Staff issued five residential driveway, two commercial driveway, four utility, five miscellaneous, 23 transportation permits and receipted approximately \$2,800 in permit fees and surety during this period.

#### Major Project Construction Activities:

##### PITTSFIELD TOWNSHIP

Lohr Road & Textile Road Greenway: The Contractor is paving the HMA pathway top course on Textile Road, Lohr Road and Platt Road.

##### YPSILANTI TOWNSHIP

Merritt Road: The Contractor is paving the HMA top course for Merritt Road west of the Hitchingham Road intersection.

Textile Road & Whittaker Road: The Contractor completed the excavation for the road widening for a right-turn lane on Textile Road for westbound traffic turning northbound on Whittaker Road at the intersection.