

WASHTENAW COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

TO: Washtenaw County Board of Road Commissioners

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SUBJECT: Staff Report – January 10, 2011 to January 23, 2011

DATE: February 1, 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.

LIMA TOWNSHIP

- Pick Up Fallen Limbs – Gross Road

MANCHESTER TOWNSHIP

- Roadside Clean Up – Noggles Road

NORTHFIELD TOWNSHIP

- Cut Dead Trees – Nollar Road and Northfield Church Road

SALEM TOWNSHIP

- Cut Dead Trees – Eight Mile Road at Tower Road

SCIO TOWNSHIP

- Limestone Patch – Liberty Road: 20 tons of limestone

SYLVAN TOWNSHIP

- Cut Dead Trees – Old US-12 east and west of Chisholm Trail

YPSILANTI TOWNSHIP

- Clean Catch Basins – David Avenue, Victor Avenue
- Replace Manhole Cover – Packard Road

TREE CREW

- Northfield Township – Maple Road between Northfield Church Road and North Territorial Road
- Scio Township – Park Road between Zeeb Road and Staebler Road

WINTER MAINTENANCE

Crews responded twelve times to winter weather conditions using 3508 tons of salt and 1321 tons of sand.

STATE TRUNKLINE

- Patching – M-14, I-94, M-52, US-23
- Roadside Clean Up – I-94, US-23, M-14
- Repair Guardrail – M-14
- Night Patrol Activities

B. Construction

Project details and staff assignments for the upcoming 2011 construction season were reviewed and discussed. Staff prepared and submitted additional information related to the efforts of the Lima Twp Road & Bridge Task Force. Similar information is being prepared for the closed Waldo Rd Bridge in Sharon Twp. Cost estimates are being prepared for critical bridge locations for review at the annual township meetings. A draft request for proposal (RFP) for the 2011 bridge inspection season has been prepared for review

COUNTY-WIDE

2009 ARRA Preventative Maintenance Program (HMA Contract): Staff continues working on final quantities for the project.

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2010 STP-Urban Preventative Maintenance Program (Chip Seal/Crack Seal Contract): The MDOT bid letting was held on January 7, 2011. Highway Maintenance and Construction Company is the apparent low bidder. A preconstruction meeting will be held in the near future.

SCIO TOWNSHIP

Zeeb Road Corridor Study: Staff has been coordinating land use and traffic data collection with the consultant team. The next progress meeting is scheduled for January 28, 2011.

SUPERIOR TOWNSHIP

Plymouth-Ann Arbor Road (Dixboro Road to M-153): Staff coordinated with Superior Township representatives and the consultant team for the public meeting to present design options for the intersection of Plymouth Road/Cherry Hill Road. The public meeting to solicit input on these options was held January 20, 2011, at the Superior Township Hall. Public comment for the options will be open through February 4, 2011.

YORK TOWNSHIP

Carpenter Road/Willis Road – Intersection Reconstruction: Staff continues to work with the Contractor on final quantities.

YPSILANTI / AUGUSTA TOWNSHIP

Whittaker Road/Stony Creek Road – Roundabout Construction: Staff continues to finalize quantities with the Contractor.

YPSILANTI TOWNSHIP

Holmes Rd, Phase 3 (Spencer Rd to Michigan Ave) - Road Reconstruction: A preconstruction meeting has been scheduled with DiPonio Contracting, Inc. for Tuesday, February 8, 2011, at the WCRC. A meeting notice was prepared and distributed. A draft contract outlining the costs associated with the proposed YCUA water main and sanitary improvements is being prepared. Staff is monitoring the ongoing relocation of AT&T facilities. Staff continued to follow up with MichCon and Detroit Edison regarding utilities. Bid tabulations were prepared and reviewed

C. Project DevelopmentDESIGN

Staff is developing the log for the Sugar Creek Extension Drain and will meet with the Washtenaw County Water Resource Commission (WCWRC) staff to discuss the Platt Road drain cross section. Staff hosted a public information meeting for the Plymouth Road/Cherry Hill Road intersection study with OHM and Superior Township, to present potential intersection options and receive input from the public regarding those options. Staff began review of the consultant proposals for the State Road Corridor Environmental Assessment project. Staff continues to inventory the project area and prepare the log, specifications, and progress clause for the county-wide sign upgrade project. Staff is working with various township officials to inform them of the special assessment district process. Staff processed the 2010 PASER ratings in RoadSoft and is working on developing rating maps for use by the agency.

RIGHT-OF-WAY

Staff coordinated for the removal of an unwarranted and structurally deficient guardrail on Rose Drive in Scio Township. Staff received notice of three masonry mailbox encroachments within the road right-of-way in York and Bridgewater Townships. Staff was notified that three right-of-way acquisitions will be necessary for the Golfside Road/Packard Road to Clark Road project and began collecting property data and market information for offers of just compensation. Staff negotiated the donation of right-of-way acquisition with Burton Hoey, owner of Jenny's Market in Webster Township. Staff continues archiving data electronically for preservation. Staff continues to develop the storm water disposal plan required for compliance with the state DEQ permits. Staff continues to pursue removal of a potentially hazardous tree within the Austin Road right-of-way from the property owner, Camp Dainava, in Manchester Township.

SURVEY

Staff began collecting centerline alignment and right-of-way data for the State Road Corridor study. Staff completed a MDNRE permit survey for the structure located on Waters Road. Staff is coordinating the scanning of archived plan files in the vault in an effort to convert permanent records electronically. Staff is coordinating an intensive effort to clean up office space and properly archive plan sets in the vault. Staff drafted correspondence to the MDNRE related to the MS4 stormwater permit and prepared information for and attended a Middle Huron advisory group.

D. Permits & Subdivisions

Staff received 25 new right-of-way permit applications during this period and logged 16 plans for review. At this time there are 77 pending right-of-way permits (applied for but not issued); 18 residential, 34 commercial, 14 utility, and 11 miscellaneous permits. Staff completed 14 plan reviews, one sight distance study, completed 65 final inspections, conducted three motor carrier enforcement stops, issued one citation and responded to one service request. Currently there are 411 active right-of-way permits (issued & awaiting completion); 160 residential, 31 commercial, 160 utility, and 60 miscellaneous permits. Staff issued five residential driveway, 14 utility, two miscellaneous, 27 transportation permits and receipted approximately \$7,900 in permit fees and surety during this period.