

**WHITTAKER ROAD AT STONY CREEK ROAD
ROUNABOUT PROJECT
CONSTRUCTION PROJECT FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

What is the purpose of the project? A roundabout is being constructed primarily to mitigate current and future traffic impacts as well as enhance safety along the Whittaker Road corridor.

What are the limits of the construction? Construction on Whittaker Road will begin just north of the Ypsilanti District Library (approximately 1,100 feet south of Stony Creek Road) and extend through the southern Paint Creek Crossing driveway (approximately 400 feet north of Stony Creek Road). Construction on Stony Creek Road will begin in front of the Moose Lodge (approximately 950 feet southwest of Whittaker Road) and continue to the Whittaker Road intersection.

What is the construction schedule? The project is tentatively scheduled to begin on Monday, April 12, 2010. All work is to be completed on or before July 30, 2010, weather permitting. The contractor is allowed to close the intersection of Whittaker Road at Stony Creek Road for a period not to exceed 35 calendar days.

What will be the hours of construction? Hours are generally established by the contractor based on the project schedule. It is common for contractor crews to work Monday through Saturday, roughly 10-12 hours per day. Per the project specifications, site work is to be suspended during recognized holiday weekends, including Memorial Day and Independence Day.

Will traffic be permitted through the work zone? The roundabout will be constructed in two phases. Phase 1 includes the construction of Stony Creek Road southwest of Whittaker Road. During Phase 1, Stony Creek Road will be closed to through traffic and a detour will be posted. The detour route will be Textile Road and Whittaker Road. Whittaker Road will remain open to traffic during Phase 1.

During Phase 2, the intersection of Whittaker Road and Stony Creek Road will be closed for a period not to exceed 35 calendar days. Traffic will be detoured to Textile Road and Huron River Drive. Throughout the closure, Paint Creek Shopping Center and Whittaker Road Office Complex patrons will be granted access to Whittaker Road from the north. Access to the KC Daycare, CVS Pharmacy, Chase Bank and the Ypsilanti District Library will be permitted to Whittaker Road from the south.

What will happen with mailboxes and mail delivery? Mail service will continue throughout the duration of the project with minimal delays. Mailboxes will be temporarily relocated to a location approved by the U.S. Postal Service to facilitate construction and ensure mail delivery.

How will trash pickup be affected? Provisions will be made to ensure that the contractor allows garbage service to continue on its current schedule.

What about lawn restoration? Disturbed lawn areas will be restored with seed, fertilizer and straw mulch.

Responsibility for protecting/relocating existing landscape features. The property owner is responsible for any lights, landscaping, sprinklers, fences or other personal property located within the public road right-of-way. Road Commission staff request that property owners remove any of these items prior to the commencement of construction. The Road Commission is not responsible for damage to personal property items that remain within the public road right-of-way.

How will access to businesses and homes be provided? The contractor shall provide and maintain all temporary driveways, ramps, crossings or other items necessary to provide access to local traffic throughout the project. Motorists, however, may occasionally experience short delays due to construction activities.

Will schools buses be affected? School bus routes and pick-up locations have been coordinated with the Lincoln Consolidated and Ypsilanti School Districts.

Who is the contractor for this project? The prime contractor is C & D Hughes, Inc. of Charlotte, Michigan.

Can homeowners get additional work done by contractor for the project? The contractor and any subcontractors are prohibited from performing any private work within the project area until the work governed by the Road Commission contract is completed.

OTHER ITEMS:

Cost: The project is being funded with a combination of developer, state and federal sources.

Safety: Safety is the most important aspect of the project. Please be mindful of the equipment, trucks, and personnel on the site. Please be attentive to all signs. If a motorist is authorized to enter the construction zone, please proceed at a slower, prudent speed. During the placement of the hot asphalt, please keep clear of the area. Avoid contact with the hot asphalt when on foot or bicycle until the surface has cooled, typically 4-6 hours. Burns are possible from contact with hot asphalt.

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