

**CARPENTER ROAD AT WILLIS ROAD  
INTERSECTION PROJECT  
AUGUST THROUGH OCTOBER 2010**

**CONSTRUCTION PROJECT FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

**What is the purpose of the project?** The intersection of Carpenter Road and Willis Road has met the criteria for a traffic light for several years. In order for most traffic signals to operate effectively when there are left-turning vehicles, left-turn lanes are typically constructed to allow the left-turning vehicles to have a place to wait and safely make their turns while the through and right-turning vehicles travel through the intersection.

**How is the project being funded?** The construction project is being funded by private funds from the Toyota Technical Center and MAVD Development. Total construction costs are approximately \$765,000.

**What are the limits of the construction?** Construction on Carpenter Road will extend approximately 600 feet north and south of Willis Road. Construction on Willis Road will extend approximately 500 feet east and west of Carpenter Road.

**What is the construction schedule?** The project is scheduled to begin on Monday, August 9, 2010. All work is to be completed by late-October, weather permitting. The contractor is allowed to close Willis Road east and west of Carpenter Road for a period not to exceed 14 consecutive calendar days. Carpenter Road will remain open to traffic at all times.

**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 Labor Day.

**Will traffic be permitted through the work zone?** The intersection will be constructed in two phases. Phase 1 includes the construction of Willis Road. During Phase 1, Willis Road will be closed to through traffic for a period up to 14 calendar days and a detour will be posted. The detour route for cars will be Stony Creek Road and Platt Road. Trucks will be routed north on Platt Road to Bemis Road. Carpenter Road will remain open to traffic during Phase 1.

During Phase 2, the work will primarily occur on Carpenter Road. Both Carpenter Road and Willis Road will remain open to traffic during Phase 2 construction.

**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 will be coordinated with the Milan and Lincoln Consolidated School Districts.

**Who is the contractor for this project?** The prime contractor is Florence Cement Company of Shelby Township, 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:**

**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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