

TEXTILE ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT
State Road to Michigan Avenue (U.S. 12)
FAQ's (Frequently Asked Questions)

FAQ purpose: To share details and address general concerns regarding the proposed Textile Road reconstruction project with area residents, businesses, motorists, emergency services, public agencies, and other stakeholders.

What is the proposed scope of work?

- Textile Road will be paved from State Road to Michigan Avenue (U.S. 12). The general road cross-section will consist of two travel lanes (one in each direction). Both sides of the road will include bicycle lanes.
- Two new traffic signals will be installed at the intersections of Textile Road/Platt Road and Textile Road/Michigan Avenue (U.S. 12).
- New culverts will also be placed for the Koch-Warner and Pittsfield No. 5 Drains.

How is this project funded?

The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) awarded the Washtenaw County Road Commission (WCRC) a State Transportation Economic Development Fund grant (TEDF) to fund the reconstruction and paving of the gravel segment of Textile Road between State Road and Michigan Avenue (U.S. 12).

The TEDF-funded Textile Road improvements will support the consolidation, relocation and expansion of the Thomson Reuters Inc. (TR) facility at the intersection of State Road and Textile Road. One obstacle to the TR relocation was concern about traffic safety and congestion. The paving of Textile Road through the TEDF grant will provide improved access to the TR facility and the addition of two new traffic signals will improve safety.

What is the estimated cost of construction for the road improvement project?

\$3.3 million

How will Textile Road differ from what exists today?

The existing paved surface from State Road to the end of pavement east of Interfirst Drive/Hines Drive will be milled and resurfaced with two inches (2") of new asphalt. The remaining gravel road portion of Textile Road will be paved from the end of the existing paved road eastward to Michigan Avenue (U.S. 12).

What are the limits of construction?

Textile Road from State Road to Michigan Avenue and Platt Road from 100 feet south of Textile Road to 500 feet north of Textile Road.

When will construction start / be completed?

The Road Commission is seeking to start work in the spring of 2018 and complete the project by early fall 2018. The official start date is contingent upon approval of various governmental permits and seasonal/weather limitations.

Will I have access to my property during construction?

All individuals with property inside the job site (State Road to Michigan Avenue) will be provided access to and from their property by the contractor during construction.

TEXTILE ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT
State Road to Michigan Avenue (U.S. 12)
FAQ's (Frequently Asked Questions)

Will Textile Road be open to thru traffic during construction?

No. Only property owners within the project limits will be permitted to drive in the construction zone. All others will have to follow posted or alternate detour routes.

Will the Platt Road / Textile Road intersection be open to traffic during construction?

The Road Commission anticipates that the intersection will be closed for up to one month to allow the contractor to construct the intersection, install the traffic signal, and replace the Koch-Warner culvert. The Road Commission will provide a posted detour route utilizing Carpenter Road.

Will area utilities be affected?

Yes, but the Road Commission does not know which utility owners internal to project limits will be affected at this time. All utilities that impact road construction will be required to resolve conflicts prior to the start of construction. Often utility infrastructure must be relocated to a new location in the road right-of-way.

Will the Ann Arbor Railroad crossing be upgraded?

Yes. Automated gates and flashing signals will be installed that will lower crossing guards and warn motorists of oncoming and crossing trains.

Will trees be removed as part of the construction project?

Yes. Trees will be removed to accommodate the new road footprint. The Road Commission will continue to meet with affected property owners to discuss tree removal and disposal of wood.

What will happen with mailboxes and mail delivery?

Mail service will continue during construction. However, mailbox locations will likely be temporarily relocated to outer ends of the project limits during construction. The U.S. Postal Service typically does not deliver mail inside active construction work zones. At the conclusion of construction, mailboxes will be relocated back to their current locations, or as close as possible.

Will accommodations be provided for school bus pickup during construction? Road Commission staff will meet with representatives of the Ann Arbor and Saline School Districts to discuss details concerning student pickup and drop off internal to the project limits while school is in session.

How will trash pickup be affected?

The contractor will accommodate garbage/recycling services throughout construction.

PROJECT CONTACTS/INFORMATION:

Questions concerning the project should be directed to the following person:

Mark McCulloch – WCRC Senior Project Manager

Phone: (734) 327-6679

Email: mccullochm@wcroads.org