

BAKER ROAD INTERSECTIONS PROJECT
At Shield Road and Dan Hoey Road
FAQ's (Frequently Asked Questions)

The Washtenaw County Road Commission (WCRC), in cooperation with the City of Dexter, is hosting a public informational meeting regarding the 2018 Baker Road Intersections project on Tuesday, August 14, 2017. The meeting will consist of stations where residents and other stakeholders can learn more about the project and ask questions of WCRC and city representatives.

What is the proposed scope of work?

The existing Baker Road intersections at Shield Road/Dongara Drive and Dan Hoey Road will be reconstructed to single-lane roundabouts. These new roundabouts will be similar to what was constructed at the intersection of Scio Church Road and Wagner Road in 2017. The project will also include the reconstruction of Baker Road between the two intersections including concrete curb, driveways, sidewalk, storm water management improvements, and street lights at the intersections.

Why were roundabouts chosen?

In 2015-16, WCRC and the City of Dexter conducted a Baker Road intersection improvement study in conjunction with a stakeholder group that included representatives from Dexter Community Schools, Scio Township, and the Washtenaw Area Transportation Study. A public informational meeting was held for the study on October 14, 2015 and the report was finalized in 2016.

The intersection study generated several alternative improvements for the two intersections and provided a contextual evaluation for each alternative. The evaluation factors used in the decision were based on feedback from project stakeholders and the public. The evaluation factors in the study included: traffic and pedestrian safety, traffic capacity and operations, construction and maintenance costs, non-motorized access, right-of-way and environmental impacts, and opportunity for place-making and aesthetic enhancements.

The preferred alternative to the existing intersections was the construction of two roundabouts. The roundabouts option best addressed traffic/pedestrian safety and traffic capacity/operations of the intersections. The roundabout intersections also provide traffic calming which will result in slower vehicle speeds.

How will Baker Road differ from what exists today?

Baker Road will remain a two lane road both north and south of the project. Motorists will still experience delay during the AM and PM peak hours. However, the new roundabout intersections will reduce speeds, improve safety for all users, and enhance traffic capacity and operations. Below is a link to the WCRC website with information regarding roundabouts.

<http://www.wcroads.org/roundabouts/>

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How is this project funded?

WCRC and the City of Dexter received federal Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) funding totaling \$1,320,000 to convert the intersections of Baker Rd/Dan Hoey Rd and Baker Rd/Shield Rd into two single-lane roundabouts.

When will construction start and be completed?

WCRC and the City of Dexter plan to start work after the 2017-18 school year (June 14, 2018). The goal is to reopen the intersections to traffic prior to the beginning of the 2018-19 school year (September 4, 2018). To stay informed throughout the project, please sign up for email updates by visiting the WCRC website at www.wcroads.org.

Will Baker Road be open to through-traffic during construction?

The intersections and Baker Road will be completely closed to through traffic at Shield Road/Dongara Drive and Dan Hoey Road. The posted detour route will be Jackson Road, Parker Road, Dexter-Chelsea Road, and Main Street.

Will I have access to my property during construction?

All residents within the work limits will be provided access to and from their property during construction. Emergency service providers will also have access through the project.

Will area utilities be affected?

Yes, but WCRC has not yet confirmed which utilities will be impacted. All utilities in conflict with the road construction project will be required to relocate prior to the start of construction.

Will trees be removed as part of the construction project?

Yes, trees will be removed to accommodate the new road and sidewalk footprint. WCRC will continue to meet with affected property owners to discuss project impacts.

What will happen with mail delivery and trash pickup?

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. The contractor will accommodate garbage/recycling services throughout construction.

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