

# 2015 P.A. 283 REPORT



The 2015 P.A. 283 assessment funded an additional 47 projects throughout Washtenaw County this year, improving an additional 75 miles of road. This document provides an overview and highlights of this year's P.A. 283 projects.

In developing this year's project list, road professionals aimed to spread dollars equitably across the county; improving roads with high traffic volumes and roads that connect communities. The Washtenaw County Road Commission, cities and villages attempted to balance the need to rebuild "failing" roads while also preserving the investments already made in the county's "good" roads.

**75mi** **EXTRA MILES OF IMPROVEMENTS**  
Total miles of additional road work that P.A. 283 funded throughout the county.

**47**  
**projects**

**ADDITIONAL PROJECTS**  
P.A. 283 funded an additional 47 projects on township, city and village roads.

**267k** **DAILY DRIVERS TRAVEL ON ROADS IMPROVED BY PA 283**  
Roads improved through P.A. 283 are seen by 267,000 daily drivers based on daily traffic counts.

**41mi** **PREVENTATIVE CHIP SEALING**  
P.A. 283 funded 47 miles of chip sealing, a road treatment that increases the life expectancy of a road by 5-7 years.

## Highlights

### Improved some of the worst pavement conditions in the County

Washtenaw County has over 200 miles of roads rated in "poor" or "failing" condition. When roads hit this level of deterioration, the only repair options are costly pulverize/mill and overlay projects. P.A. 283 funded 23 of these projects. The list below includes pulverize/mill projects on some of Washtenaw County's most traveled roads.

Road	Project Limits	Township
Oak Valley Drive	Lohr to Ann Arbor-Saline	Pittsfield
Scio Church Road	Wagner to I-94	Scio & Lodi
Superior Road	Huron River Dr to Geddes	Superior
N. Territorial Road	Spencer to Earhart	Northfield
Golfside Road	Ellsworth to Packard	Pittsfield & Ypsilanti

Road	Project Limits	City/Village
State Street	Eisenhower to I-94	Ann Arbor
Ellsworth Road	State to Platt	Ann Arbor
Packard Road	State to Stadium	Ann Arbor
Eisenhower Road	Ann Arbor-Saline to Boardwalk	Ann Arbor

Superior Road

Before



During



After



## Record-Breaking Chip Seal Program

P.A. 283 funded a record breaking chip seal program this summer. The Washtenaw County Road Commission completed 15 chip seal projects that covered 47 miles of county roads.

Chip sealing is a relatively low-cost preventative maintenance treatment that extends the life of a road by 5-7 years. WCRC estimates that chip seal projects will save \$6-12 million in road maintenance costs.



Crews chip sealing on Pontiac Trail

Chip sealing is one of the ways that road professionals practice asset management; selecting the best investment at the right time to maximize the lifespan of a road. The goal of chip sealing projects is to maintain roads that are in “good” condition by making investments to preserve the road now, instead of letting the road deteriorate to the point it requires a costly rebuild (pulverize/mill and overlay) project.

### N. Territorial Rd from Spencer to Sutton



## Putting North Territorial Road back together again

North Territorial Road is the main east-west primary road in the northern half of Washtenaw County and is one of the Road Commission's top priorities. Since 2009, WCRC has used a variety of funding sources to resurface or repave the entirety of North Territorial, a total of 26 total miles from M-52 to the Wayne County line.

2015's P.A. 283 funded the last two miles of improvements in Northfield Township. From here, WCRC plans to chip seal segments of North Territorial every year to preserve the lifespan of the road.

## Huron River Drive is in its best condition

Huron River Drive, a route popular for area bicyclists, is in the best condition in 20 years thanks in part to P.A. 283 funding. The P.A. 283 millage funded two mill & overlay projects: 1) Mast Road to Dexter-Huron Metropark and 2) Ann Arbor city limits to Bird Road.

Over the last five years, WCRC in partnership with Washtenaw County Parks & Recreation and Ann Arbor Bicycle Touring Society have raised the funds necessary to repave and chip seal 8 miles of Huron River Drive. Only 1 mile of work remains, the segment from Main Street to Bird Road in the City of Ann Arbor, which will be funded by 2016's P.A. 283.

