



Ridge Rd and Hack Rd Intersection Improvements

Project Overview

During this project the Washtenaw County Road Commission (WCRC), in partnership with the Monroe County Road Commission, and contractor, Fonson Company, Inc., will reconstruct the intersection of Ridge Road and Hack Road.

This work is proposed to include the following:

- **Realigning of intersection approaches** to provide better visibility for side street traffic. This includes the intersections of Ridge Road/Hack Road and Hack Road/Westfall Road.
- **Adjustment of the pavement surface grades** through the Ridge Road curve and the application of a high friction surface treatment to assist drivers navigating the curve.
- **Installing centerline and shoulder corrugations** through the Ridge Road curve to serve as lane departure warnings for errant drivers.
- **Paving of shoulder areas** through the Ridge Road curve to provide more opportunity to errant drivers to correct course.
- **Paving of unpaved road approaches** to reduce the tracking of gravel material onto Ridge Rd.
- **Resurfacing of Ridge Road** between the Hack Road intersection and the Macon Creek Bridge.

Project Timeline

The full closure is expected to begin on Thursday, August 29, 2019. The WCRC is expecting the project to be completed and road reopened by the end of October, weather dependent.

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Frequently Asked Questions

Q: What are the limits of construction?

A: The work will take place within the intersection of Ridge Road, Hack Road, and Westfall Road in York Township (Washtenaw County) and Milan Township (Monroe County). During construction the intersection will be completely closed to traffic, except for those addresses within the intersection closure limits. All other traffic will need to follow a posted detour route.

The work is intended to include the resurfacing Ridge Road between the Hack Road intersection and the Macon Creek Bridge.

All of this work will be done under a single road closure.

Q: What is the estimated cost of construction for the project and how is it funded?

A: This project is being funded by a federal safety grant administered by the Michigan Department of Transportation. The total projected cost is approximately \$432,000.

Q: When will construction begin/be completed?

A: The full closure is expected to begin on Thursday, August 29, 2019. The project is expected to be completed and road reopened by the end of October, depending upon weather conditions.

Q: Will people have access to properties inside of the project limits during construction?

A: Yes. People who live or own property within the work zone will be provided access to their homes. But no traffic will be able to drive through the intersections of Ridge Road, Westfall Road and Hack Road during construction.

Q: What is the posted detour for this project? Why is it so long?

A: The posted detour utilizes Ridge Highway, Clinton-Macon Road, Britton Highway, Hack Road, Goodrich Road, Arkona Road, Jordan Road, Macon Road/Monroe Street, US-12 (W Michigan Ave), US-23, Willis Road, Carpenter Road, Stony Creek Road, Mooreville Road and Ridge Rd. [Click here for a detour map.](#)

The WCRC is required to post (sign) detour routes to be used by all vehicle types, including trucks. Also, whenever possible the WCRC identifies posted detours on paved roads. Unfortunately, this can result in longer detour routes.

Drivers are required to follow the posted detour or seek an alternate route.



Q: Why wasn't this intersection work done when the Macon Creek bridge was replaced?

A: The WCRC works hard to coordinate projects whenever possible to ease the burden on local residents and commuters. Unfortunately, this isn't always possible. In this case, the funding for these safety improvements was not available in 2017 when the bridge was replaced.

Q: Will you be resurfacing the last stretch of Ridge Road that is in bad shape?

A: Yes. While the road is closed for this intersection project, Ridge Road between the Hack Road intersection and the Macon Creek Bridge will be resurfaced.

Q: What will happen with mailboxes and mail delivery?

A: The Milan Post Office has been informed of the intersection closure. The continued delivery of mail will be accommodated during construction.

Q: Will accommodations be provided for school buses during construction?

A: The transportation departments for both Milan Schools and Britton Deerfield Schools have been contacted. WCRC staff will coordinate with the schools regarding student pickup and bus routes.

Q: How will trash pickup be affected?

A: Access for trash pickup to those addresses within the intersection closure limits will be maintained.

Q: Will my lawn be restored once construction is completed?

A: Yes. The contractor will be responsible to grow grass wherever the ground has been disturbed as part of the project.

Q: Will area utilities be affected?

A: Potentially. The WCRC is working with utilities located near the project to coordinate relocations, if necessary.

Q: Will trees be removed as part of the construction project?

A: Those trees identified for removal have already been removed.