Pontiac Trail @ Seven Mile Road

Project Overview

During this project the Washtenaw County Road Commission (WCRC) and its contractor will:

- Construct a single lane roundabout to reduce peak hour congestion.
- Provide street lighting to enhance night time visibility.

Project Timeline

- Finalize plans and bid documents – Fall 2019
- Bid the project through MDOT – Winter 2020
- Utility relocation and tree removal – Spring 2020
- Roundabout construction – Targeting Summer of 2020

Contact Information

- Questions concerning the project should be directed to:
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- Project webpage: wcroads.org/wcrc-project/pontiac-trail-and-7-mile-road-roundabout/
- Sign-up for project updates online: wcroads.org/residents/subscribe-to-road-updates/
Frequently Asked Questions

Q: What are the limits of construction?
   A: Up to 500 feet in each direction of the intersection of Pontiac Trail and Seven Mile Road in Salem Township.

Q: What is the estimated cost of construction for the project and how is it funded?
   A: The total project cost is estimated to be $800,000. Approximately $525,000 will come from Federal Transportation dollars designated for rural roads and approximately $275,000 will come from local matching funds from WCRC’s Michigan Transportation Fund budget.

Q: When will construction begin/be completed?
   A: WCRC is targeting to construct the roundabout during the summer of 2020.

Q: Why is a roundabout being built instead of a traditional traffic signal?
   A: A roundabout will address the congestion while also have many safety benefits as compared to a traffic signal.

Q: Will people have access to properties inside of the project limits during construction?
   A: People who own property or have reasons to visit those properties within the project limits will be permitted to enter the work zone.

   The contractor will also be responsible for maintaining access for emergency personnel and their vehicles in the event their services are needed within the project limits.

Q: Will area utilities be affected?
   A: Yes, WCRC is coordinating with impacted utility companies to have their facilities in conflict relocated prior to the start of construction.

Q: Will trees be removed as part of the construction project?
   A: Yes. This work will likely occur in March of 2020.

Q: What will happen with mailboxes and mail delivery?
   A: Mailboxes will be temporarily relocated outside of the project limits for safety reasons to the home owner and the USPS. Mailboxes will be returned to a location or near the original vicinity at the conclusion of the project.
Q: Will accommodations be provided for school bus pickup during construction?

A: School bus pickup and drop off will occur at a location outside of the project limits as determined by the school district. WCRC will coordinate with the impacted school district.

Q: How will trash pickup be affected?

A: The contractor will be responsible for hauling residential trash containers to a designated area outside of the work zone on trash days. The contractor will be expected to return the containers to the owner’s driveway at the conclusion of the work day. Special accommodations will be made for the party store.