



Carpenter Road Resurfacing

Project Overview

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

- Resurface (hot mix asphalt paving) Carpenter Road between Ellsworth Road and Packard Road in Pittsfield Township
- Repair damaged concrete curb, improve sidewalk ramps, and repair storm sewer structures prior to paving
- Construct a rain garden in the road right-of-way near Home Depot to help with storm water management, in partnership with the Washtenaw County Water Resources Commissioner's Office

In addition, Pittsfield Charter Township has partnered with DTE Energy to install street lighting along the corridor.

Road construction has been deemed an essential service under Governor Whitmer's *Stay Home, Stay Safe, Save Lives* Executive Order. The WCRC and project contractors plan to continue previously scheduled construction projects while taking precautions to promote the safety of employees onsite. Construction schedules are subject to change due to the ever-changing situation surrounding COVID-19.

Project Timeline

The road work is expected to begin on May 4, 2020 and be completed in July 2020.

Carpenter Road between Ellsworth Road and Packard Road will remain open to traffic during this entire project, but there will be lane closures and motorist delays are likely.

Unfortunately, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, DTE has temporarily suspended new construction, including the Carpenter Road street lighting work. This work will hopefully take place later this year. Lane restrictions may be needed for the street lighting construction at that time.



For More Information

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- Visit the project webpage and sign-up for email updates: wcroads.org/wcrc-project/carpenter-road/

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Why are you starting this project during the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic?

A: Road construction has been deemed an essential service under Governor Whitmer's *Stay Home, Stay Safe, Save Lives* Executive Order which is currently set to expire on April 30, 2020.

The WCRC and project contractors plan to continue previously scheduled construction projects while taking precautions to promote the safety of employees onsite.

Q: What are the limits of construction?

A: This project will take place on Carpenter Road between Ellsworth Road and Packard Road in Pittsfield Township.

The intersections of Carpenter Road/Ellsworth Road and Carpenter Road/Center Valley Drive will also be resurfaced. The intersections will remain open during construction, but there will be traffic lane restrictions and motorist delays are likely.

Q: When is construction scheduled to begin and be completed?

A: Road work is expected to begin in early-May and is currently scheduled for completion in July. However, this timeline is subject to change, depending upon contractor and subcontractor schedules, material deliveries, and weather conditions. Rain garden plantings are scheduled for this fall.

Q: What is the expected impact on traffic due to the construction work?

A: One lane northbound and one lane southbound between Ellsworth Road and Packard Road will be maintained. Based on average traffic volumes, motorist delays are likely and alternate routes are advised.



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

A: Yes, this project will be completed with lane restrictions, not a full road closure. Access to businesses and properties within the project limits will be maintained, but motorist delays are likely.

Q: What is the estimated cost of construction for the project?

A: This project is expected to cost approximately \$1.75 million.

Q: How is construction of this project funded?

A: This project is being paid for with federal funds administered by the Michigan Department of Transportation. Local matching funds are budgeted by the WCRC through Michigan Transportation Funds revenue.

Q: Will area utilities be affected?

A: Based on available information provided by utility owners, conflicts with utility services are not expected. The project contractor is responsible for contacting MISS DIG and hand digging to identify existing, underground utilities.

Q: What will happen with mail delivery and trash pickup?

A: Mail delivery and trash pickup are not expected to be impacted by this work.