



# Textile Road and Woodland Drive Roundabout

## Project Overview

During this project the Washtenaw County Road Commission (WCRC), in partnership with the City of Saline will:

- Construct a single-lane roundabout at the intersection of Textile Road and Woodland Drive in Pittsfield Township on the border with the City of Saline
- Install pedestrian ramps at crossings
- Improve drainage by constructing curb and gutter along the intersection
- Resurface the road approaches leading to the intersection
- Install street lighting to illuminate the intersection

## Project Timeline

Tree removals were completed in March 2020.

Roundabout construction will begin in mid-June 2020 and be completed by late-August 2020.

During construction, the intersection will be closed to all traffic, including pedestrians and bicyclists, and a detour will be posted. The project is expected to take approximately 8 weeks to complete.

## Contact Information

- Questions concerning the project should be directed to:
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## Frequently Asked Questions

### Q: What are the limits of construction?

A: Approximately 500 feet in each direction from the center of the intersection of Textile Road and Woodland Drive in Pittsfield Township on the border with the City of Saline.

### Q: What will the detour be for this project?

A: The posted detour will utilize Maple Road to Ellsworth Road to Lohr Road.

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

A: \$780,000

### Q: How is construction of this project funded?

A: WCRC received a grant from the Federal Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) to install a roundabout at this intersection. This grant is capped but will cover up to 90% of construction costs. The City of Saline and the Washtenaw County Road Commission are also contributing funds to complete this project.

This grant money can only be spent on this project.

### Q: Why are you installing a roundabout at this intersection?

A: Unfortunately, this intersection has a history of serious crashes and WCRC believes a roundabout will improve the safety at this intersection.

Statistically, roundabouts are the preferred solution in many cases because:

- Roundabouts slow down traffic, reducing the severity of crashes and allowing safer entries onto the roadway
- Roundabouts move traffic more efficiently, reducing congestion and helping drivers get to their destinations faster

### Q: When will construction begin/be completed?

A: Tree removals were completed in March 2020.

Roundabout construction will take place between June and August 2020. During construction, the intersection will be closed to all traffic, including pedestrians and bicyclists, and a detour will be posted.

The project is expected to take approximately 8 weeks to complete.



**Q: Will people have access to the Saline Recreation Center and Tefft Park during construction?**

A: Yes, while the intersection of Textile and Woodland will be closed to all traffic, people can still access the Saline Recreation Center and Tefft Park using Woodland Drive.

Pedestrians should not cross through the project work zone from north of Textile Road to reach the Saline Recreation Center or Tefft Park.

**Q: Will area utilities be affected?**

A: Yes, WCRC is working with utilities located near the intersection to coordinate relocations.

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

A: Yes, a small number of trees of various sizes near the intersection were removed in March 2020.

**Q: What will happen with mailboxes and mail delivery?**

A: Mail service will not be affected with this project. Mail delivery will continue as normal.

**Q: Will accommodations be provided for school bus pickup during construction?**

A: No, the goal is re-open the intersection before school starts again in the fall.

**Q: How will trash pickup be affected?**

A: Trash pickup should not be affected by this project. Like all vehicles, trash trucks will be required to use the detour or find an alternate route during the closure.

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

A: Yes, if your lawn is disturbed by this work, it will be restored. All areas disturbed by the project will be restored by WCRC's contractor.

**Q: What if vehicles cut through my neighborhood during the closure rather than taking the posted detour?**

A: A detour route will be posted for motorists to follow. However, some people will elect to take alternate routes which could go through neighborhoods. The HOAs in the area are working with the Pittsfield Township Police to provide extra measures to discourage cut through traffic.

WCRC will work with Pittsfield Township Police to monitor the situation.



**Q: Will pathways near the project site be open during construction?**

A: The pathway that crosses Textile Road on the eastern leg of the roundabout will be closed throughout construction. Advanced warning signs and pedestrian barricades will be placed to warn pathway users of the closure.

The pathway/sidewalk in Tefft Park that runs parallel to Woodland Drive and then along Textile Road will remain open throughout construction.

**Q: Why are you constructing pedestrian crossings on the west and south legs of the project?**

A: Pittsfield Township is developing a design for a new pathway that will connect with the pedestrian crossings being constructed as part of the roundabout project. That design will be finalized after the roundabout is complete.

**Q: Will the speed limit of Textile Road be lowered between Lohr Road and Maple Road after the roundabout is complete?**

A: Before any speed limit can be changed, a study and analysis must be completed, and specific requirements must be met. Once the roundabout is complete, WCRC will monitor traffic to determine if such a study is warranted.