

2026 Construction Season Kick-Off

May 20, 2026



Agenda

I. Introductions

II. Work Zone Safety

III. Overview of the 2026 Season

IV. Reminders

- Scheduling
- Communications

V. Q & A

Panel of Road Experts



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WORK ZONE SAFETY



Work Zone Safety

- In 2025,
 - 5,942 work zone crashes occurred in Michigan
 - 25 Fatalities
 - 1,199 Injuries

Source: Michigan Department of Transportation



Work Zone Safety

- Move Over Michigan, it's the Law
 - Slow down
 - Minimize distraction
 - Be patient
 - Stay calm





2026 CONSTRUCTION KICKOFF



Who We Are

- County road agency responsible for:
 - 1,650+ miles of county road
 - 740+ miles unpaved
 - 126 bridges
 - 2,900+ culverts
 - 36,000 signs
- Contracted to maintain 598 lane miles of MDOT routes (US 23, I-94, M-14, US 12, etc.)





HOW ARE PROJECTS SELECTED?

Asset Management - Definition

- “Ongoing process of **maintaining, preserving, upgrading,** and operating physical assets **cost-effectively**, based on a **continuous physical inventory and condition assessment and investment** to achieve established performance goals.”

WCRC's Strategy

- Focus on preventative maintenance
- Apply the right fix, at the right time, in the right place
- Extend the service life of the road

Keep Your Car Moving





2026 CONSTRUCTION SEASON



2026 Road & Bridge Improvement Projects

Legend - Project Type

XXX Millage Project

Mill/Overlay

Pulverize/Overlay or Reconstruct

Concrete Repairs

Sealcoat

Limestone Overlay

Non-Motorized Path

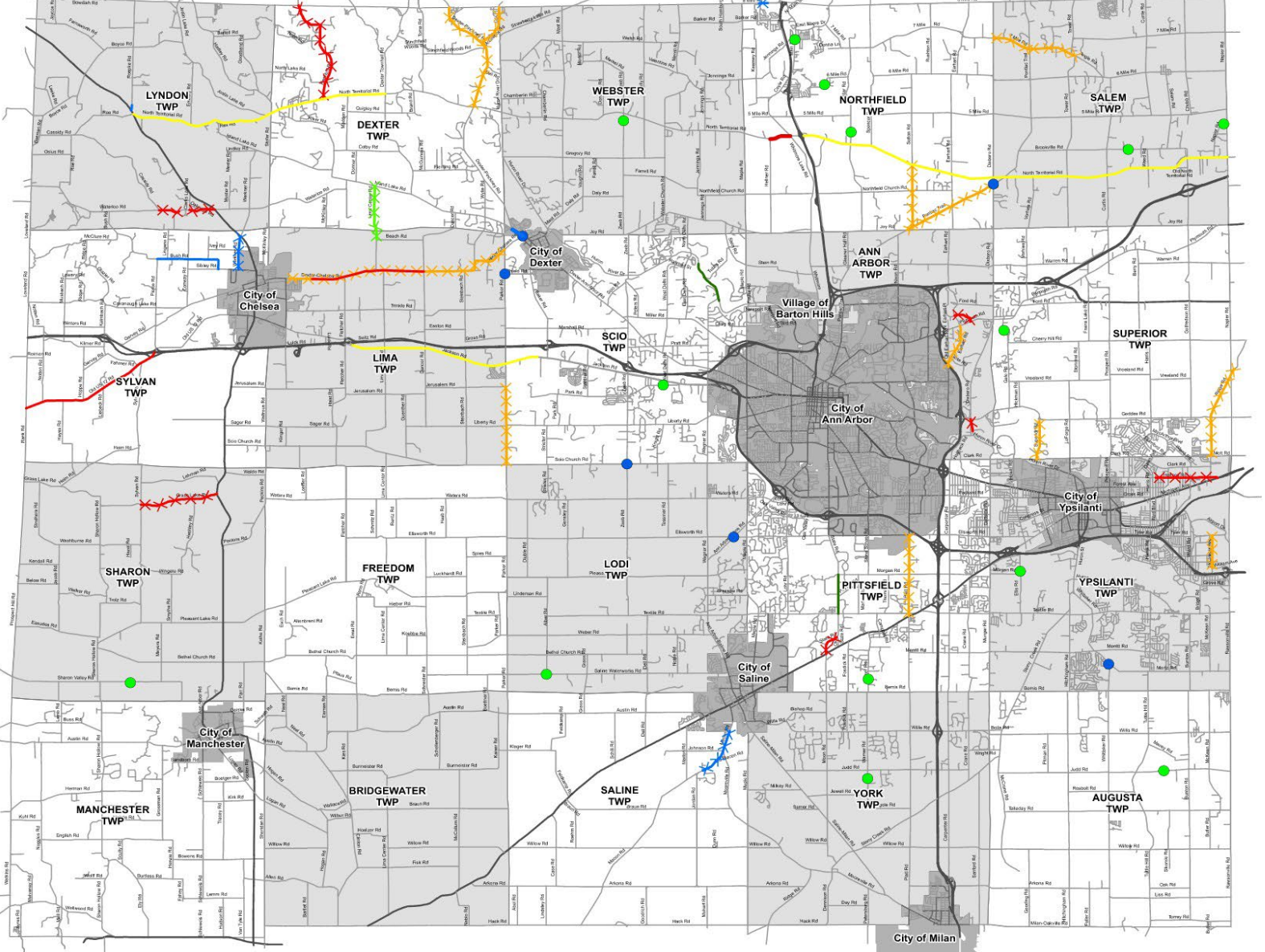
Safety Project (sign upgrades & curve enhancement, rumble strips)

Bridge/Culvert Project

Bridge Maintenance

Intersection Project

Safety Project



Construction Projects

- Preservation
- Resurfacing
- Reconstruction
- Bridges
- Safety
- Other



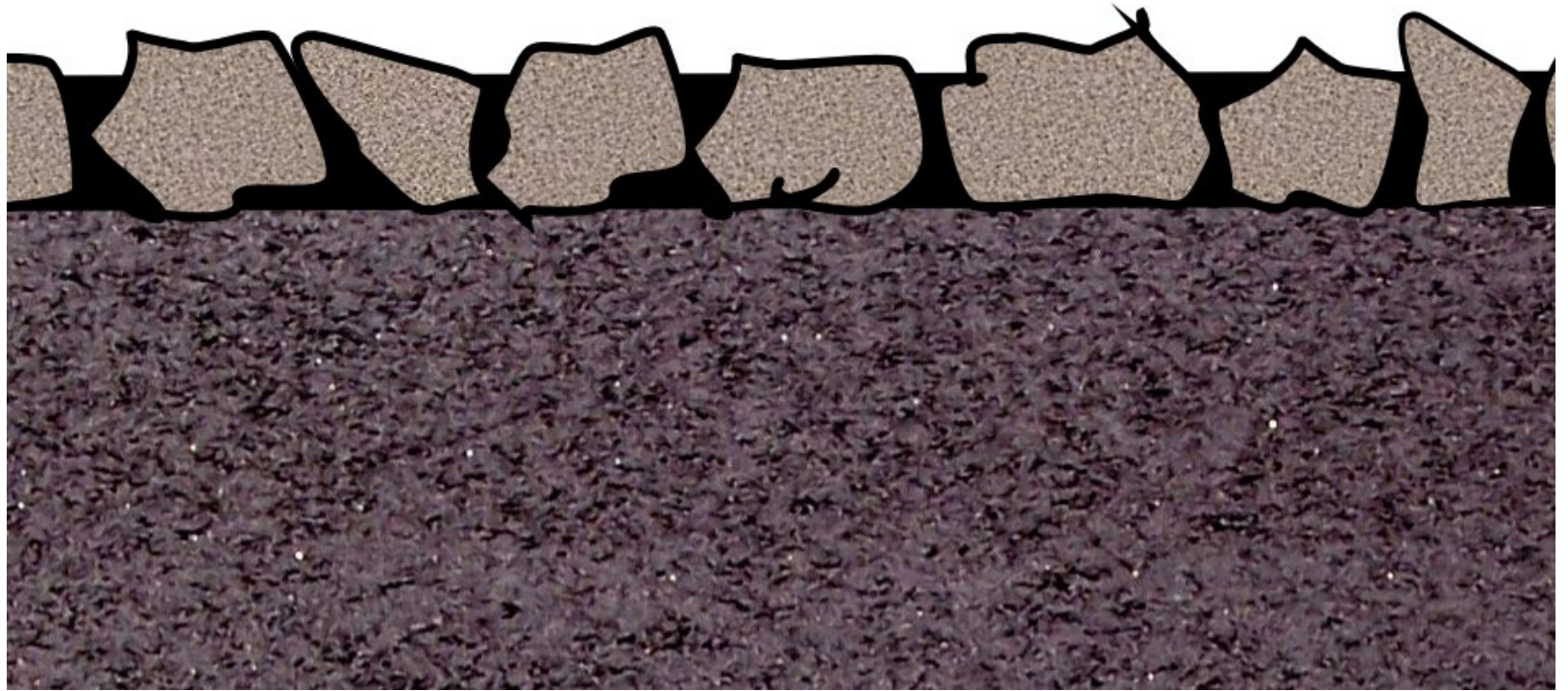
Preservation

- For pavement in good/fair condition
- WCRC uses two types for paved roads
 1. Crack sealing
 2. Seal coat (chip seal and fog seal)

Crack Seal



Seal Coat



Chip Seal



Fog Seal



Fog Seal



Resurfacing

1. Mill and resurface
 - For pavement in **fair** condition
2. Pulverize and pave
 - For pavement in **poor** condition
3. Limestone/gravel lift
 - For unpaved roads



Overlay



Limestone/Gravel Resurface

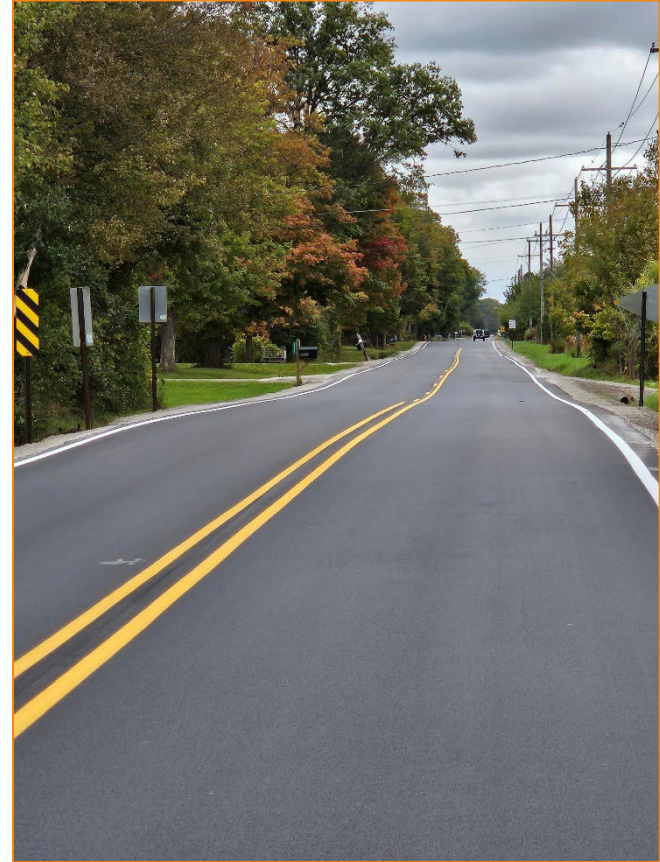


2026 Resurfacing Program

- We plan to...
 - Resurface (asphalt): ~ 19.7 miles
 - Lift (limestone/gravel): ~ 1.4 miles
 - Chipseal: 26 miles
- A variety of sources including revenue from federal and state fuel taxes, county road millage, townships, etc.

2026 Resurfacing Projects

- 8 Mile Rd (Northfield Twp, Livingston Co.)
 - *Pulverize & Resurface*
- Bush Rd (Sylvan Twp)
 - *Pulverize & Resurface*
- Dixboro Rd (Ann Arbor Twp)
 - *Mill & Resurface*
- Grass Lake Rd (Sharon Twp)
 - *Mill & Resurface*
- Old US-12 (Sylvan Twp)
 - *Mill & Resurface*
- Werkner Rd (Sylvan Twp)
 - *Mill & Resurface*



2026 Resurfacing Projects Cont.

- Holmes Rd (Ypsilanti Twp)
 - *Mill & Resurface*
- Macon Rd (Saline Twp)
 - *Pulverize & Resurface*
- Roepke Rd (Lyndon Twp)
 - *Pulverize & Resurface*
- Whitehall Rd (Ann Arbor Twp)
 - *Mill & Resurface*
- Waterloo Rd (Lyndon Twp)
 - *Mill & Resurface*



Cherry Hill Rd, Superior Twp



Existing bridge built in 1980
Beam deterioration warrants replacement
Superstructure replacement

Main St, Northfield Twp (Whitmore Lake)



Existing bridge built in 1920

Bridge is reaching the end of its service life

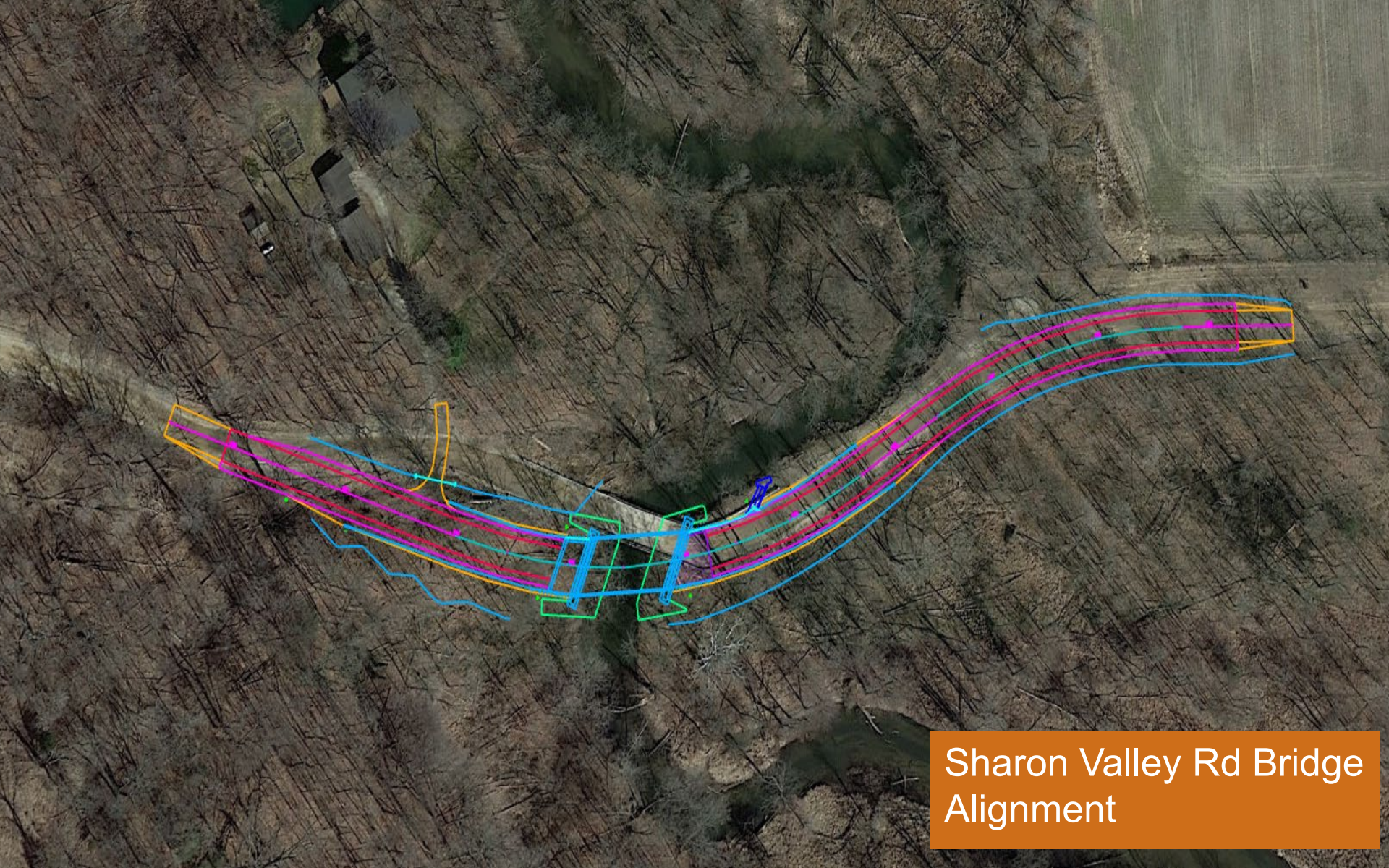
Full bridge replacement

Sharon Valley Rd, Manchester Twp



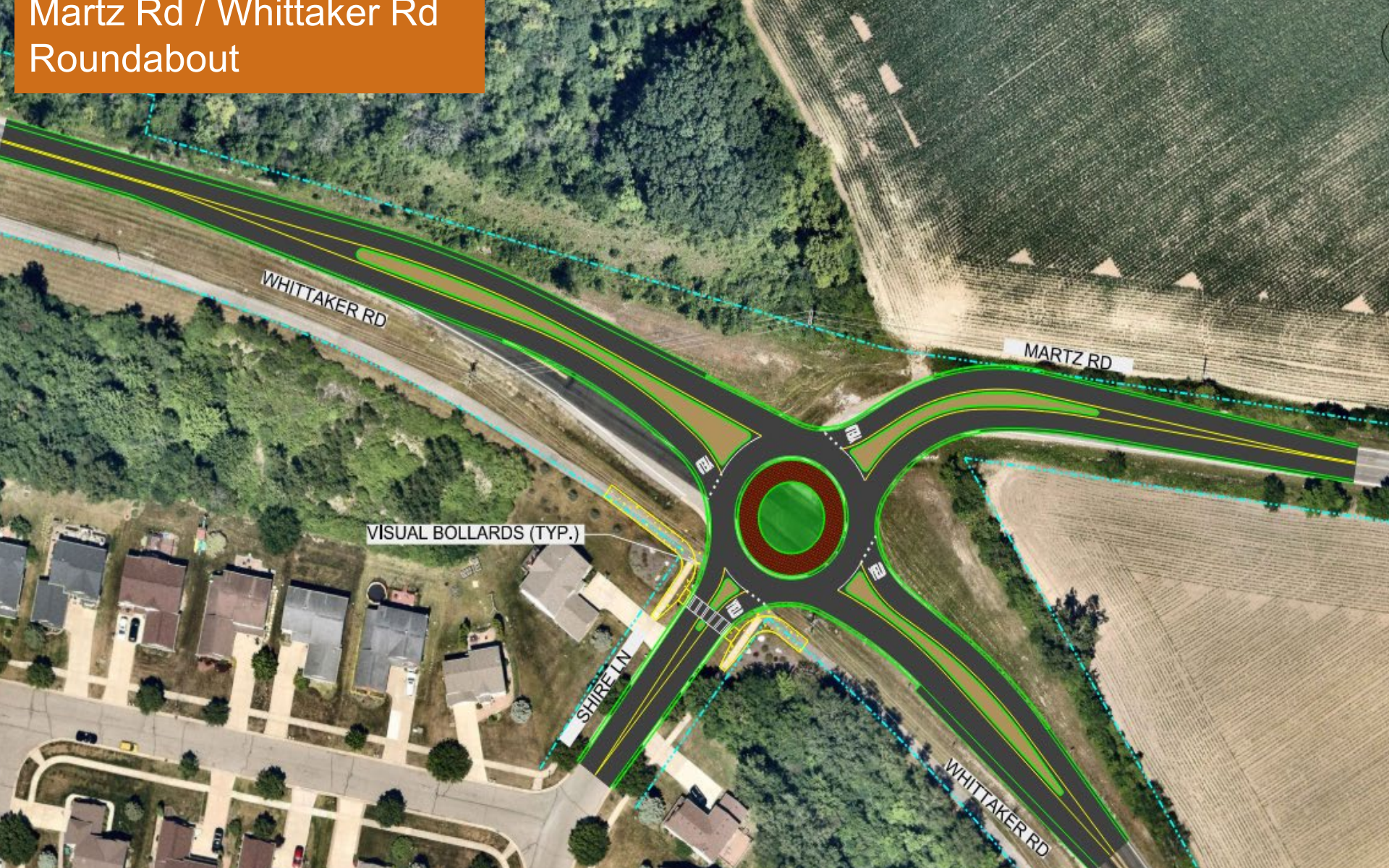
- Bridge constructed 1960
- Poor Roadway Geometry
- 20 Ton Weight Restriction
- Full bridge replacement





Sharon Valley Rd Bridge Alignment

Martz Rd / Whittaker Rd Roundabout



WHITTAKER RD

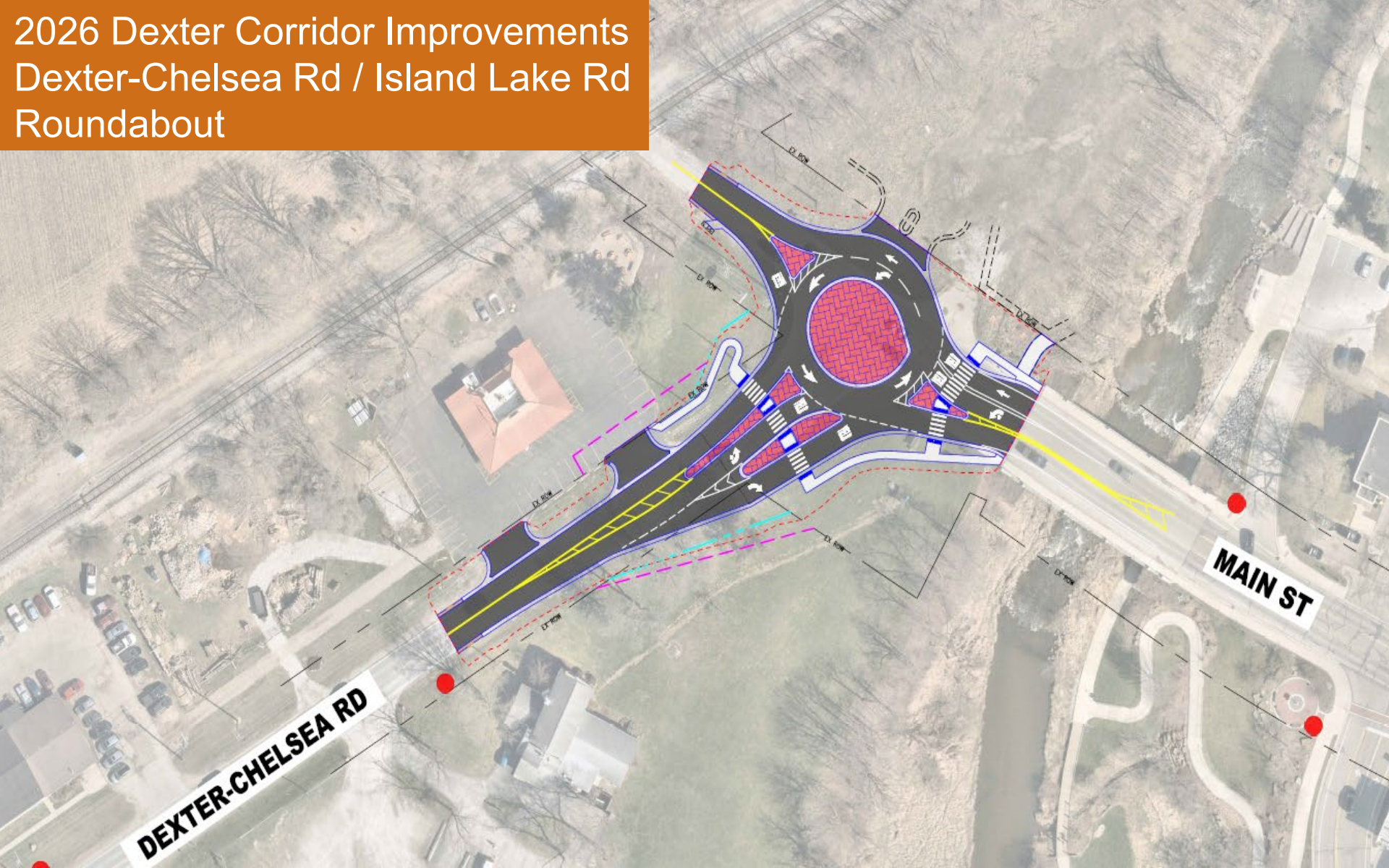
MARTZ RD

VISUAL BOLLARDS (TYP.)

SHIRE LN

WHITTAKER RD

2026 Dexter Corridor Improvements Dexter-Chelsea Rd / Island Lake Rd Roundabout



2026 Dexter Corridor Improvements Dexter-Pinckney Rd / Island Lake Rd

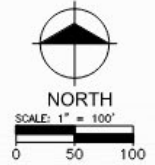


- EXISTING ROW
- - - PROPOSED HIGHWAY ESMT
- - - PROPOSED TEMPORARY ESMT
- - - PROPOSED GRADING LIMIT
- PROPOSED ROAD/SIDEWALK

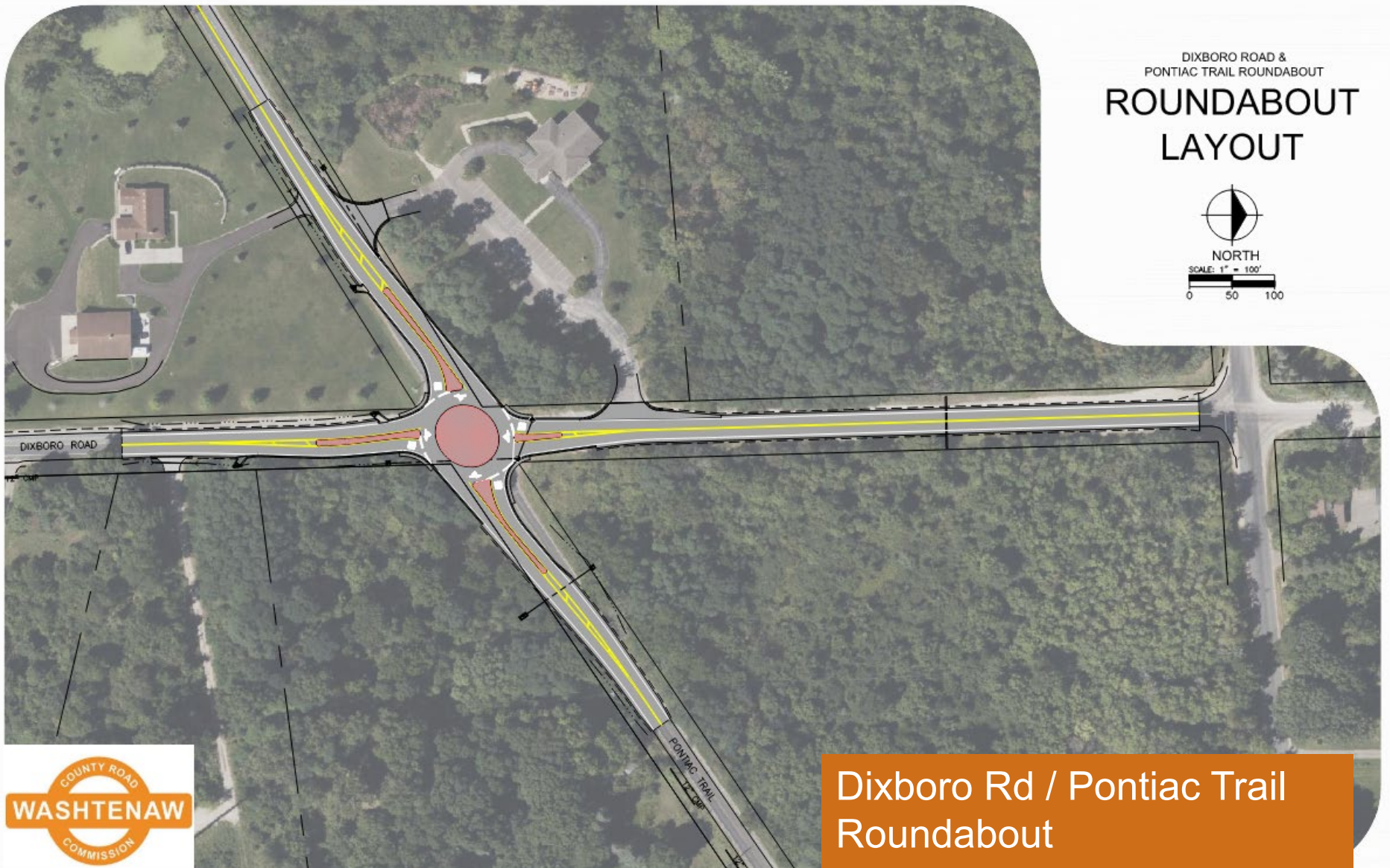
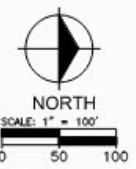


Scio Church Rd / Zeeb Rd Roundabout

SCIO CHURCH ROAD & ZEEB ROAD ROUNDABOUT ROUNDABOUT LAYOUT



DIXBORO ROAD &
PONTIAC TRAIL ROUNDABOUT
**ROUNDABOUT
LAYOUT**



Dixboro Rd / Pontiac Trail
Roundabout

Culverts

- WCRC owns 2,900+ culverts throughout the county of various sizes and conditions
 - Larger structures inspected at least every 4 years



2026 Culvert Replacements

- 6 Mile Rd (Northfield Twp)
- Ellis Rd (Ypsilanti Twp)
- Judd Rd (Augusta, York Twps.)
- Nollar Rd (Northfield Twp)
- Park Rd (Scio Twp)
- Saline Water Works Rd (Lodi Twp)
- Warner Rd (Pittsfield, York Twps.)
- Zeeb Rd (Webster Twp)





TRAFFIC & SAFETY



Traffic Signals

- New signals
 - Upgraded signals
 - Flashing beacons
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- Funded from a variety of sources including revenue from federal and state fuel taxes, county road millage, townships, etc.

New & Upgraded Traffic Signals

- Parker Rd at Shield Rd (Lodi, Scio Twp)
 - *Traffic Signal - Completed*
- Huron River Dr at Hogback Rd
- Packard Rd at Dalton Rd
- Ellsworth Rd at Palisades Blvd
- Ellsworth Rd at Roundtree Blvd (Old Walmart)
- Michigan Ave at Mansfield
 - *Pittsfield & Ypsilanti Townships*
 - *Conversion from diagonal to box span*
 - *All will be complete mid-summer 2026*



Intersection Improvements

- Pleasant Lake Rd at Zeeb Rd (Lodi Twp)
 - *Multiway stop – scheduled*



Safety Projects

- Roadway system is continually monitored for improvements
- Treatments range
 - Center left-turn lane
 - Enhanced pavement markings & signage



Pavement Markings

- Over 6 million feet of long-lines (white, yellow)
- Specials
 - Stop bars
 - Turn arrows
 - Crosswalk
 - “Green paint”





ROAD MAINTENANCE



Road Maintenance

- Pothole patching
- Drainage
- Grading
- Incident response
- Storm clean up
- Road hazard removal



Scheduled Maintenance

- Dust control
- Roadside mowing
- Street sweeping





SCHEDULING



Maintenance Scheduling

- Typically, mid-April through mid-November
 - Need dry road bases and consistent, warmer temps
 - Subject to environmental restrictions
- Off-season projects do occur but present different challenges
- Road work is very weather-dependent
 - Example: Rain will delay paving or seal coat projects

Complicated

- Lots of moving parts
 - MDOT
 - Environmental considerations
 - Utilities
 - Coordination with other projects
 - Specialized equipment that can breakdown
 - Supply challenges

Impact to Traffic

- The bridge will be closed to ALL through traffic and a detour will be posted.

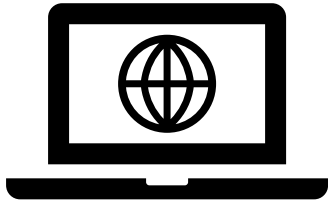




CONSTRUCTION COMMUNICATIONS



Website



Visit wcroads.org

- Current projects map
- Weekly Roadwork Schedule
- Submit a WCRC Fix It Request
- Submit a permit
- Township pages
- Subscribe to road updates



CONTACT US



Contact WCRC



Call us: (734) 761-1500

Email: wcrc@wcroads.org

Monday – Friday, 7 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Monday – Thursday, 6 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. (summer hours)



Submit a service request through

WCRC Fix It

Available in the app store

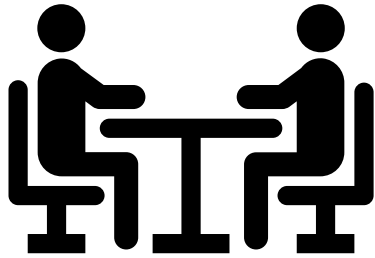
or wcroads.org



Social platforms:

@washtenawroads

WCRC Meetings & Chat with Board



Hybrid board meetings
1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month,
1 p.m. on Zoom



Chat with the Road Commission
Every Wednesday,
noon – 12:30 p.m.
on Zoom

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