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CALHOUN COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION PREPARES FOR SUMMER ROADWORK

Summertime in Michigan is the time for road repairs and the Calhoun County Road Commission (CCRC) is preparing for summer roadwork and construction.

Funding is heavily weighted to primary roads where the traffic volume is greatest. Improvements on primary roadways are funded directly by Act 51. For local roads, State law does not allow CCRC to spend any funds for resurfacing or reconstruction of local roads without financial participation from the local level. A 50/50 local match is required on local road projects, but the cost must be directed through the township.

Federal aid roads are eligible for federal funds, either as part of the National Highway System (NHS—usually limited to principal arterials) or through the Surface Transportation Program (STP). Collectively, federal aid roads are all principal arterials, all minor arterials, all urban collectors and all rural major collectors.

The most common treatment we use to repair our roads is sealcoating. The goal of this treatment is to provide a crack-free surface and minimize surface water infiltration. All this is done without adding new structure to the road and at a fraction of the cost of a traditional hot mix asphalt overlay.

Sealcoating consists of a thin layer of emulsion (hot oil) with cubicle shaped stones of a relatively small size rolled in. This treatment application can be used on roadways or sections of roadways that are in semi-good condition, with respect to edges, drainage and surface, and can be repeated if necessary. The expected life of a sealcoat process is approximately five to seven years under moderate traffic conditions.

This is an effective treatment without the traditional traffic blockage problems. Since sealcoating is a moving operation, roads are only closed for a short period of time. It is extremely important to follow the guidance of the traffic regulators on site, and not drive over the area before the stones are rolled into the emulsion.

The main problem that occurs for motorists is loose stones. These stones gather toward the middle and edges of the road. When driving at a high speed or passing another car, motorists should be aware of the potential spray of stones. The speed limit is posted at 25 mph for a short period of time after the sealcoating process to warn motorists to slow down.

In order to ensure that the entire county has roads in the best possible condition, CCRC starts its sealcoating operation in a different area each year. Beginning in early June, sealcoating will begin in Bedford and move east across the top tier of the county.

The attached roadwork lists include federal aid, primary and local road improvement projects, as well as the treatment method for each road:

Calhoun County Road Commission 2010 Roadwork List

SEALCOAT TREATMENT

<u>Township</u>	<u>Road</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Albion	F Drive South	25 1/2 Mile Rd	M-99
	H Drive South	29 Mile Rd	30 Mile Rd
	J Drive South	M-99	30 Mile Rd
	Condit	M-99	D Drive South
	Condit	F Drive South	H Drive South
	D Drive South	24 Mile Rd	Condit
Athens	3 Mile Rd	M-66	S Drive South
	N Drive South	M-66	6 Mile Rd
Bedford	Kirby	County Line	Collier
	Uldriks	County Line	V Drive North
	Banfield	County Line	M-37
	Halbert	M-37	Waubascon
Burlington	South County Line	9 Mile Rd	11 Mile Rd
Clarence	S Drive North	28 Mile Rd	County Line
Clarendon	18 1/2 Mile Rd	L Drive South	M-60
Convis	Old 27	L Drive North	N Drive North
	Garfield	Junction	Old 27
Clarendon Eckford, Fredonia Tekonsha	L Drive South	Old 27	23 Mile Rd
Emmett	9 Mile Rd	B Drive North	Kalamazoo River
Fredonia	J,K,L Drive South	14 1/2 Mile Rd	I-69
Homer	T Drive South	24 Mile Rd	M-99
	27 1/2 Mile Rd	South County Line	P Drive South

Lee	R Drive North Old 27	Old 27 V Drive North	19 ½ Mile Rd N Drive North
Leroy	K Drive South 3 ½ Mile Rd D Drive South	2 Mile Rd Division west of 2 ½ Mile Rd	4 Mile Rd B Drive South
Marengo	20 Mile Rd, J Drive North, 20 ½ Mile Rd	Partello	L Drive North
Marshall	Old 27	G Drive North	L Drive North
Newton	7 1/2, 8 Mile Rd	F Drive South	J Drive South
Pennfield	N Drive North, McAllister	Jessup	Verona
Sheridan	26 Mile Rd	I-94	J Drive North
Tekonsha	Old 27	P Drive South	Tekonsha

RESURFACING

<u>Township</u>	<u>Road</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Clarence	W Drive North	1/5 of a mile	
Convis	Q Drive North	14 Mile Rd	15 Mile Rd

FEDERAL AID RESURFACING PROJECTS

<u>Township</u>	<u>Road</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Convis	N Drive North	15 Mile Rd	16 Mile Rd
Emmett	6 ½ Mile Rd	B Drive North	Christian Dr
Emmett	11 Mile Rd	Wheatfield Pkwy	Verona Rd
Marshall	Verona Rd	12 Mile Rd	15 Mile Rd