



Miller Road Reconstruction Weekly Merchant Update

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Synopsis of work done

Week ending May 30, 2008

- **All drainage** and underground work on the north side of Miller from I-75 to Best Buy and also at the Miller/Ballenger intersection has been completed.
- **The curbs that were removed** in this phase have been replaced; work should be finished by Friday, May 30th.
- **Driveway approaches** have been paved.
- **Slopes on north side** have been restored.

What to expect next week

Phase 1, Stage 2 set to begin

On Friday afternoon May 30th, sometime between 2 and 6 pm, work will be shifted from the north side of Miller Road to the south side, marking a significant milestone in the project.

Also, the Lennon Road intersection and the improved ramps onto SB I-75 will be opened. **This should result in dramatic improvement to traffic operations.**

So next week, expect the north side of Miller Road to be open and the south side (From I75 to Best Buy) to be under construction. Storm sewer work will be going on and the roadway will be removed. **But, as always, 3 lanes will be open at all times, all businesses will be open, and driveway accesses will be maintained.**

Opportunity seized!

A decision has been made to delay the application of the finish course of asphalt until the end of the project and install it to the entire road all at once. Doing so will eliminate many cold joints in the pavement, and thus ensure a uniform, continuous finish, and a stronger, smoother surface for improved rideability. **It will also speed completion of the project!**

Notable quote

(from Andy Heller's "Come Heller high water" column in Flint Journal, 5-23-08)

"Don and Jean Wolfe, who own Dale's Natural Foods on Miller Road, write, *'Thanks for your positive note about Miller Road shopping. Customers are terrified to come out here because of all the press coverage. The work is going on in segments and west of Best Buy is wide open.'*

Don and Jean, you're right. I've been through the construction a few times, and it's a slow go but not terribly so. Look, people, we can't afford to lose businesses out there. Make an extra effort to support them this summer. "

Thanks for the positive comments, Andy! We could not have said it better.

How you can help

IMPROVE YOUR DRIVEWAY!

The Road Commission's offer to move, re-align, close or consolidate your driveway - **at no cost to you** - is still open, **but you will have to act fast**. Contact Economic Enhancement Director Tracey Tucker at Flint Township ASAP. Her number is 732-1350.

ENCOURAGE USE OF MANWARING AND DUTCHER!

Continue to encourage your customers to use Manwaring Drive (on the west side of Best Buy) or Dutcher Road to access Miller Road from Lennon. **Residential streets in the area are closed to through traffic.** (If Miller Road-type volumes of traffic used those streets, we'd soon have to reconstruct them too...)

Look for **"The Road Patrol"** in the Flint Journal every Friday for further information about Miller Road and other significant road construction projects across Genesee County.

Your ideas, suggestions or comments are welcome. Contact Construction Manager John Plamondon at **767-4920 ext 232**, or by email at jplamondon@gcrc.org. Visit the Miller Road Page on www.gcrc.org for the most current information.