



Miller Road Reconstruction Weekly Merchant Update

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Synopsis of work done

Week ending June 6, 2008

- ✓ Work was shifted from the north side of Miller Road to the south side, **marking the beginning of Phase 1, Stage 2.**
- ✓ The Lennon Road intersection and the improved ramps onto SB I-75 were opened. **This has resulted in dramatic improvement to traffic operations.**
- ✓ **All storm sewer** work on the south side of Miller from I-75 to Best Buy and also at the Miller/Ballenger intersection has been completed.
- ✓ **The road surface has been removed** on this section and at the Miller/Ballenger intersection.

What to expect next week

Phase 1, Stage 2 underway

- **Final grading** and installation of the aggregate base will be completed for the south side of Miller from I-75 to Best Buy and the northwest quadrant of the Miller/Ballenger intersection.
- **Curb lines** will be installed in these sections.
- **Right of way Marking stakes** will be installed. See "Saving You Money" below for important note!
- As always, 3 lanes will be open at all times, all businesses will be open, and driveway accesses will be maintained, **complete with newly installed driveway marking signs!**

Opportunity seized!

We encountered numerous conflicts with underground telephone lines during Phase 1, slowing the project a bit, but we're back on track. More importantly, we've learned from this and we will be reviewing conflict locations and critical locations with an assumption that the utility information we have contains a margin of error. These conflicts should not be a problem in Phase 2.

Reminder - To Save You Money!

Merchants will soon be contacted by the contractor regarding installation of "right of way marking stakes". These stakes mark the boundary between the road right of way and private property.

Please review these stakes! **Anything on the road side of the stakes will be removed when construction begins in that area.** This includes sprinkler heads, decorative items, etc. You might want to cut, cap and save your sprinkler heads for reinstallation when the project is complete. **This is the property owner's responsibility.**

Project Challenges

❖ RAIN, BUT NO DELAY

Although we have had several rainy days lately, they have not slowed the project. The contractor is forging ahead, rain or shine, determined to stay on schedule.

❖ JUNK AND STUFF

We found tons of waste material beneath the road that had to be dealt with, including old curbing, pavement and even old drainage connections that went nowhere!? We cleaned it all up and the drainage is finished on the south side.

❖ UNSTABLE GRADE

While establishing the grade on the south side of Miller Road we encountered very unstable soils which required additional excavation and replacement.

Look for "**The Road Patrol**" in the Flint Journal every Friday for more 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 Miller Road Page on www.gcrc.org for the most current information and automatic updates.