



# Miller Road Reconstruction Weekly Update

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## Synopsis of work done

### Phases 2 and 3 continue

- **Miller Road from Linden to Best Buy**
  - Curb lines completed.
  - Preliminary layer of paving (up to the leveling course) completed.
- ✓ **Miller Road from I-75 to Ballenger**
  - Aggregate base completed.
  - Curb work underway.
- **Ballenger from Miller to Swartz Creek Bridge**
  - This section is finished and opened to traffic!
- ✓ **Intersection of Miller/Ballenger**
  - The intersection is finished and open to traffic!

As mentioned here before, during reconstruction of the south half of Miller between I-75 and Ballenger, we will be able to maintain only 2 lanes of traffic because the existing narrow configuration simply won't accommodate a left turn lane. We now anticipate completion of this section by August 5<sup>th</sup>. **Then, when we reconstruct the north side we will again be able to provide 3 lanes.**

## Important Reminders!

- ❖ **Merchants, especially those on the north side of Miller Road:** Please remove any sprinklers and decorative landscaping on the road side of the stakes by July 25<sup>th</sup> for an August 1<sup>st</sup> construction start! **The deadline is quickly approaching...**
- ❖ **Mailboxes will be relocated.** Boxes not meeting US Postal standards will be removed. Contact Mike Steiner at the Cody Branch of the US Post Office for more information. His number is (810) 234-8342. **This is especially important as we move into the more confined area of Phase 3, with only 2 lanes open.**
- ❖ **Observe the 25 MPH speed limit!** We have experienced one accident, and that's one too many.

## What to expect next week

### Traffic Shifting to south side

- Crews will work this weekend.
- **SE quadrant of Miller/Ballenger intersection completed.**
- **Miller Road from Linden to Best Buy**
  - Driveways will be completed.
  - Restoration and landscaping will be completed.
  - Traffic will be shifted to the south side of the road on Tuesday, July 29<sup>th</sup>.
  - Construction on the north side to start.
- **Miller Road from I-75 to Ballenger**
  - Curb lines will be completed.
  - Driveways will be completed.
  - Paving will be started.
- **As always, driveway access and all businesses are open throughout the project!**

## Congratulations!

The winners of the Flint Journal's 5th **Bargains by the Barrels** drawing are **Kay Monroe** and **Denise Jones**! Kay and Denise each win a \$25 Gift Certificate from any participating Miller Road business and remain eligible to win the Grand Prize, a \$500 Gift Certificate from Genesee Valley Center, awarded at the end of the contest.

## Notable Quote

*"Initially I tried to avoid Miller road, but there are some stores that I need to shop at. When I went shopping I was pleasantly surprised to find I only needed to wait a couple of extra minutes in traffic and I thought 'this isn't nearly as bad as I thought it was going to be'"*

Linda Thompson, Superintendent, Flint Community Schools

**See Page 2 of this Update for a diagram of the new dual left turn lanes onto southbound I-75.**

**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.

### Dual Left Turn Lanes from Eastbound Miller Road onto Southbound I-75

We have received some questions about how the dual left turn lanes from eastbound Miller Road onto southbound I-75 would work.

Although permanent pavement markings will be installed after the final course of asphalt is installed, we did add some temporary pavement markings and signage to make the traffic movement clearer until that time.

This diagram shows the two left turn lanes from Miller Road and vehicles merging into a single lane prior to the curve and entering southbound I-75. It also shows the exclusive right turn lane and the general location of merge signage.

