



Miller Road Reconstruction Weekly Update

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Synopsis of work done

Phase 2 in full swing

- ✓ **Driveway marking signs** were redesigned and reinstalled.
- ✓ **Timing of signal at Manwaring Dr. (Best Buy, Target)** has been adjusted to improve traffic flow.
- ✓ **Storm sewer work** has been completed.
- ✓ **Grading** and aggregate base installation is 30% complete.
- ✓ **Reconstruction of NE quad** of Miller/Ballenger intersection is complete.
- ✓ **Pavement repairs on Ballenger** from Miller south to the Swartz Creek Bridge completed.
- ✓ **Relocation of AT&T telephone lines continues.**

What to expect next week

Phase 3 started, light traffic and bargains abound

- **Crews will NOT work this weekend.** Have a safe and happy 4th of July with family and friends!
- **On July 8th** traffic shift on the section from I-75 to Ballenger. The south side will be done first.
- **Northeast quadrant of Miller/Ballenger** intersection will be done.
- **Ballenger Highway** from Miller south to the Swartz Creek Bridge will be resurfaced.
- Grading and **over 1.5 miles of aggregate base** will be placed.
- **As always, driveway access and all businesses are open throughout the project.**

Notable Quotes:

"...traffic has been really backed up in the construction zone due to the timing of the traffic light in front of Best Buy and Target. Are there any plans to adjust the timing of the light? We really did well during the first phase of work as our guests noted that even with all the barrels, things never slowed down too much. Obviously, I'd like to have a similar situation during the next 12 weeks."

Dan Bennet, bd's Mongolian Barbeque, June 23, 2008.

We were able to adjust the timing of the light the same day and traffic is moving very well. We welcome these types of questions and suggestions for improving traffic operations during construction. Thanks, Dan!

Did you see...

Construction Manager John Plamondon interviewed by area television stations Tuesday night? His message? Traffic is flowing well, we appreciate everyone's cooperation and we encourage shoppers to "come on down" to Miller Road this summer! Visit www.gcrc.org for links to these interviews.

Important Reminders!

- ❖ **Please observe the 25 MPH speed limit!** Slow down – safety is no accident!
- ❖ **Merchants, check your sprinklers and decorative landscaping!** Anything on the road side of the stakes may be removed during construction.
- ❖ **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.**

We have no choice...

During the first part of Phase 3, (July 8 to approximately August 1), as we reconstruct the south half of Miller between I-75 and Ballenger, we will be able to maintain only 2 lanes of traffic in that area. The existing narrow configuration simply won't accommodate a left turn lane. Left turns will be discouraged in that area during that time.

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.