



Miller Road Reconstruction Weekly Update

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Synopsis of work done

North side work progressing very well

- ✓ **Miller Road from Linden to Best Buy**
 - Storm sewer work is complete.
 - Grading and placement of aggregate base is complete.
 - Curbing is 90% complete.
- ✓ **Miller Road from I-75 to Ballenger**
 - Pavement removal is underway.
 - Storm sewer work is underway.
 - **Three lanes are open on the south side!**
- ✓ **Vicinity of I-75 Interchange**
 - Permanent signage for dual left turn lanes onto I-75 has been installed.

Congratulations to the City of Flint on the 32nd Crim Festival of Races! Good luck to all participants!

Important Reminders!

- ❖ We are quickly approaching the end of project. **We need to hear from you soon about any outstanding issues** that you may be aware of so that we can meet with you as necessary and address these issues prior to project close out. If you call or send email (see below), please provide a contact number so that we can respond effectively.
- ❖ Also, **in a couple of weeks** we will be placing the top course of asphalt. **To ensure a smooth finish it will be necessary to keep all traffic off the pavement for the 8 hours it takes to cure.** We will be doing this work at night, between 9 PM and 6 AM, to minimize impact on businesses, but we realize that some have other hours. **If you are concerned about needing access between these hours, please contact us so that we can coordinate with you.**

Please continue to observe the 25 MPH speed limit!

What to expect next week

Work on north side – ramp closure coming up

- **Crews will work this weekend.**
- **Miller Road from Linden to Best Buy**
 - Paving to begin.
 - Placement of curbing will continue.
 - Driveway installations to begin.
- **Miller Road from I-75 to Ballenger**
 - Grading and aggregate base underway.
 - Curb lines will be placed.
- **The Entrance Ramp to NB I-75**
 - **Ramp will be CLOSED from 7am Monday August 25 to 11:00pm Friday August 29.**
 - Excavation of bridge and ramp area.
 - Place aggregate base and curbing.
 - **Detour: SB I-75 to Bristol Road to NB I-75**
- **Vicinity of I-75 Interchange**
 - Install antennae for traffic signal interconnect.

A 'Talk Back' in the August 17th Flint Journal voiced concerns that we are wasting money by "busting up long-lasting concrete... to replace it with black top".

In fact, the concrete was way beyond its useful life and in terrible shape. The road had been widened in piecemeal fashion since 1926 and was last resurfaced in 1989.

We considered several pavement types and chose hot mix asphalt because it allows flexibility in construction and maintenance activities, thus minimizing the impact on motorists and businesses in this corridor that supports more concentrated traffic and vital economic activity than any other in Genesee County. Concrete construction would have required closing access to merchant driveways for 3-7 days at a time.

The asphalt roadway that is now being constructed has been specifically designed for the expected traffic and is equivalent to its concrete counterpart. It should last at least 20 years with routine maintenance.

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The latest **Bargains by the Barrels** winners are **Eunice Milton** and **Norma Haist**. Congratulations!

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.