



Miller Road Reconstruction Weekly Update

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Synopsis of work done

Week ending June 27, 2008

- ✓ **Phase 2 (Linden to Lennon)** is in full swing; Phase 3 (I-75 to Ballenger) will begin soon.
- ✓ **Paving south side** of Miller from Best Buy to I-75 is done.
- ✓ **Driveway marking signs have been installed.**
- ✓ **Pavement removal continues** on the south side of Miller from Linden to Best Buy. Storm sewer work there is 75% complete.
- ✓ **Grading and aggregate base** installation has begun.
- ✓ **Traffic** on Ballenger Highway from Miller Road to the Swartz Creek bridge **was shifted** from the east side of Ballenger to west side.
- ✓ **Construction** has started on the NE quadrant of the Miller Ballenger intersection.
- ✓ **Relocation of telephone lines is 90% complete.**

What to expect next week

Phase 2 in full swing

- **Crews will work this weekend.**
- The rest of the pavement between Linden and Best Buy will be removed.
- **Storm sewer work** will be completed.
- **Grading** and aggregate base will be completed.
- **Reconstruction of NE quad** of Miller/Ballenger intersection will continue.
- **Work on Ballenger Highway** from Miller south to the Swartz Creek Bridge continues. Expect paving to be done after the 4th of July holiday.
- **As always, 3 lanes, driveway access and all businesses are open throughout the project.**

Opportunity seized!

We ran into a sanitary sewer line right in the middle of the storm sewer system. We were able to redesign the storm sewer to save money and avoid excessive project delays.

Notable Quotes:

"They're actually doing a good job all the way down the road." Pat Kelly, Genesee Township resident who has been at the Miller/Ballenger intersection every Sunday since 2002 demonstrating against the war in Iraq.

"Brave the modest slowdowns and patronize those Miller Road businesses this summer. They're worried you won't because of the construction, which isn't as bad as you think." Andy Heller, Flint Journal, June 21, 2008

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Important Reminders!

- ❖ **Please observe the 25 MPH speed limit!** There are lots of workers and equipment out there.
- ❖ **Merchants, check your sprinklers and decorative landscaping!** Anything on the road side of the stakes may be removed during construction.
- ❖ **Mailboxes will be relocated**, some temporarily, some permanently. 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.

Project Challenges

We continue to run into unstable soils from the old ditch line, remnants from the original widening of the road in 1952. We are removing all of this material so it won't be a problem in the future.

AT&T is nearing completion of phone line relocations. These lines have caused us numerous headaches.

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.