

Miller Road hassles minimized

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Journal Reader

I completely agree with The Flint Journal editorial regarding the pending reconstruction of Miller Road between Ballenger Highway and Linden Road [Nov. 12, Page A10]. As you correctly assessed: " even under ideal circumstances, the price will include a major disruption to this county's prime commercial district" But let me take this opportunity to assure you and your readers that every person involved in this project is keenly aware of the crucial nature of this corridor and that every effort is being made to keep disruption to a minimum.

For one thing, the project is on an extremely tight construction schedule, with actual road work to begin in early May and be completed by mid-September, before the holiday rush begins. Also, the work will be done in stages. Phase I (the segment of Miller between I-75 and Lennon Road) will be completed by mid-June when Phase II (the segments from Lennon Road to Linden Road and from Ballenger to I-75) begins.

Further, three lanes of traffic (one lane in each direction and a center left-turn lane) will be kept open at all times during both phases.

We have also established a "Miller Road Program" page on our Web site (www.gcrc.org/miller_road.html), with project timelines, the latest news, funding information, video presentations, frequently asked questions and a link to contact us directly. It soon will also have a link to video cameras placed along Miller Road for a "live" look at construction progress and traffic conditions.

Perhaps most importantly, there is a link that enables users to be automatically notified by e-mail when the Web page is updated. Using this feature, you could be automatically notified when the next public meeting on this project is scheduled, for example.

Some disruption is inevitable on a project of this nature, but we intend to do all we can to make it as brief and painless as possible.

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