

Road Commission making the most of limited stimulus dollars

The Genesee County Road Commission has announced that it will receive \$4,202,383 in American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) “stimulus” funds for road improvements. This might sound like a lot, but it is less than one regular annual allocation of federal aid to the Road Commission, and the agency will be making the most of every dollar. In fact, they are supplementing these stimulus funds with their own contribution in an effort to make the stimulus dollars go as far as possible, according to Fred Peivandi, director of engineering. “We want motorists to realize that the stimulus funds, while welcomed, are nowhere near enough to fix all the roads in Genesee County. We were only able to program four projects, each of which is on a road that is in poor condition, has relatively high traffic volumes and has minimal impact on environmental issues. Even so, the Road Commission will be contributing over a million dollars to these projects, including all of the engineering and inspection costs, which are typically 20% of the construction cost.”

The following table shows the four projects that the Road Commission will be doing with stimulus funds.

Road	Location	Work to be done	Engineering and		Total project cost	Stimulus Funds	GCRC contribution
			Est. Construction Cost	Inspection (20%)			
Pasadena Ave.	I-75 to Flint City Limit	Repair 2 outside concrete lanes, reconstruct center 2 lanes with concrete	\$1,572,000	\$314,400	\$1,886,400	\$1,536,295	\$350,105
Clio Road	Pierson Road to Carpenter Road	Repair 2 outside concrete lanes, reconstruct center 2 lanes with concrete	\$1,370,000	\$274,000	\$1,644,000	\$1,385,385	\$258,665
Irish Road	Richfield Road to Carpenter Road	Remove asphalt, rubblize existing concrete base, resurface with asphalt	\$676,000	\$135,200	\$811,200	\$624,753	\$186,447
River Rd. to Flushing Rd.		Reconstruct as 3 lane roadway	\$790,000	\$158,000	\$948,000	\$656,000	\$292,000
Totals			\$4,408,000	\$881,600	\$5,289,600	\$4,202,383	\$1,087,217

The projects on Pasadena Avenue, Clio Road and Irish Road will be completed yet this summer, and the Elms Road work will be done next spring. For additional information contact Fred Peivandi, Genesee County Road Commission director of engineering at 767-4920, ext 234.