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Road Commission steps up to repair Carpenter Road

Flint, Michigan. ---

The Genesee County Road Commission is pleased to announce that a section of Carpenter Road which marks the northern border between the City of Flint and Mt. Morris Charter Township will soon be one of the better roads in the county, rather than one of the worst.

The Road Commission, working with the Genesee County Board of Commissioners and Mt. Morris Township has been able to pull together federal aid funding for a major rehabilitation of 1.4 miles of Carpenter Road from Clio Road to Dupont Street, when the City of Flint, which two years ago had agreed to share the cost of a less extensive repair with the Road Commission, decided that other priorities outranked the project and withdrew from the agreement. But Road Commission Manager-Director John Daly felt that this segment was just too important to let go. “Not only is this road the northern city limit of Flint, it is also a heavily travelled County Primary road serving two major high schools and significant residential areas. And it was really getting to be a safety issue. We just had to bite the bullet and do what had to be done”, Daly said. So the Road Commission reapplied for federal funds.

Using the Road Commission’s roadway prioritization schedule, Fred Peivandi, the Road Commission’s Director of Engineering, submitted a new application to the Genesee

County Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) requesting federal funds for the rehabilitation project. This time funding was approved.

The new project, which started July 6th, is much more extensive than the \$30,000 repair that had been agreed upon with the City in 2009. The new project will result in approximately 4 ½ inches of asphalt resurfacing with base repair, sidewalk repair, curb & gutter repair, drainage structure repair, earthwork and guardrail work at a cost of \$930,937. Of that amount, approximately \$761,970 is federal Surface Transportation Program (STP) funds, distributed through the Michigan Department of Transportation. The Road Commission will contribute the remaining costs of construction, - nearly \$170,000 - as well as the design, construction engineering and inspection costs.

The 2009 project, in contrast, had been designed as a temporary measure to keep the segment of Carpenter Road from Clio Road to Saginaw Street, last repaired with a “micro-surface” treatment in 1997 and having a surface rating of 3 (Poor) on the PASER 10-scale, safe and improve its rideability until additional funding became available.

Although the segment was submitted for federal aid funding at the time, which, if approved, would have allowed extensive treatment, including repairs to the road base and milling and resurfacing the entire segment, the earliest these additional funds would have been available was 2011 and 2012. Under that agreement, all work was to have been performed by Road Commission staff and the cost shared between the Road Commission and the City of Flint. But the City opted out.

Genesee County 1st District Commissioner Omar A. Sims stated, “I am pleased that these Genesee County entities working with Mt. Morris Township could deliver on our promise to fix Carpenter Road despite the City of Flint’s untimely project withdrawal.

As a result, all residents of our community will benefit by the renewal of Carpenter Road, one of the prime East-West routes in my District.”

The road should be open to traffic by September 2, in time for the start of the school year.

Please contact Road Commission Director of Engineering Fred Peivandi or County

Commissioner Omar Sims for more information.

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