

Primary Road 2009 Capital Improvement Plan Projects

Sprinkle Road from Zylman Avenue to ML Avenue (CMAQ)

Comstock Township, City of Portage, City of Kalamazoo

Traffic signals along this corridor will be upgraded with mast arm video detection for actuation. The traffic signals will be interconnected by radio system to allow for improved traffic flow. The project is part of the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) improvement program.

9th Street at Quail Run

Oshtemo Township

A new traffic signal will be installed at the intersection.

South Sprinkle Road at G Avenue

Comstock Township, Richland Township

The traffic signal will be replaced with a new mast arm system. A left turn phase for G Avenue will be added, and video detection for actuation will be provided.

New concrete curb radius will be placed.

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Managing Director's Message

2009 Construction Season = Progress

We have been busy preparing for another construction season filled with a "mix of fixes" on our county roadways. As noted in our newsletters the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) has provided additional projects to our 2009 Capital Improvement Plan. These projects along with our construction and maintenance program include chip sealing, paving, crack sealing, brush control, mowing, culvert and guardrail replacement, sweeping, and grading which together keep our organization in full swing throughout the construction season.

As we move throughout the County please keep in mind the safety of our crew and contractors. Many of our operations do not include road closures, but rather are part of a "moving operation" activity. These moving operations have limited disruptions in traffic, so be patient as we will keep you moving. Our larger projects may include road closures. If that is the case, please use the signed detour routes to keep production moving and crews safe. We have project information available in press releases and on our website at www.kalamazoocountyroads.com to keep you informed.

Although these projects can result in allowing additional time to move throughout the County, for KCRC and citizens, it means progress for projects that may have been in the planning process for years, that extend the life of a road, or that address a maintenance program which will ultimately save expenses in the long term.

So when you travel around the County and you see orange barrels, think improvement, think safety and think progress....

Sincerely,
Joanna I. Johnson
Managing Director

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Drake Road from Stadium Drive to M-43

Oshtemo Township, City of Kalamazoo

Traffic signals along this corridor will be upgraded with new mast arm, traffic signals, and video detection for actuation. The traffic signals will be interconnected by Geo-clock system to allow for improved traffic flow.

Stadium Drive at Venture Park

Oshtemo Township

A new traffic signal will be installed at the intersection.

43rd Street from R Avenue to Q Avenue

Climax Township

The roadway will be reconstructed by pulverizing the existing deteriorated pavement and resurfacing with hot mix asphalt. Concrete curbs will be placed at the intersections. The intersection of 43rd Street and Q Avenue will be reconstructed and replaced with a conventional 4-way stop.

South Sprinkle Road from 950' south of S Avenue to S Avenue

Pavilion Township

The road will be milled and resurfaced with hot mix asphalt.

6th Street from N Avenue to Stadium Drive

Oshtemo Township

The roadway will be rehabilitated by pulverizing the existing roadway and resurfacing with hot mix asphalt. Oshtemo Township is planning to place sanitary sewer between Frie Avenue and Stadium Drive.

Barney Road from .65 mile west of Douglas Avenue to Douglas Avenue

Kalamazoo Township

The roadway will be resurfaced with hot mix asphalt.

Douglas Avenue from B Avenue to the north county line

Cooper Township

The roadway will be resurfaced with hot mix asphalt.

Squires Drive from Drake Road to Ravine Road

Kalamazoo Township

The roadway will be resurfaced with hot mix asphalt.

12th Street from D Avenue to C Avenue (ARRA)

Alamo Township, Cooper Township

The roadway will be rehabilitated by pulverizing the existing deteriorated roadway and resurfacing with hot mix asphalt, ditching and drainage improvements. Concrete curbs will be placed at intersections. The project is part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) program.

S Avenue from South Sprinkle Road to 29th Street (ARRA)

Pavilion Township

The roadway will be rehabilitated by pulverizing the existing deteriorated pavement, resurfacing with hot mix asphalt, ditching and drainage improvements. Concrete curbs will be placed at the intersections. The project is part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) program.

8th Street from R Avenue to Q Avenue (ARRA)

Texas Township

The roadway will be rehabilitated by pulverizing the existing deteriorated pavement and resurfacing with hot mix asphalt, ditching and drainage improvements. The concrete curb and gutter at the R Avenue intersection will be replaced. The project is part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) program.

O Avenue from 8th Street to 9th Street/9th Street from O Avenue to Meridian

Texas Township, Oshtemo Township

The roadway will have a combination of treatments including areas with hot mix asphalt, crack sealed and chip sealed.

36th Street from PQ Avenue to MN Avenue

Climax Township

The roadway will have a combination of treatments including areas with hot mix asphalt and chip sealed.

Portage Road from XY Avenue to W Avenue

Schoolcraft Township

The roadway will have a combination of treatments including areas with hot mix asphalt and chip sealed.

Setting Realistic Speed Limits Local Officials Workshop

On June 25th the KCRC coordinated with the Michigan State Police (MSP) to host a workshop on *Setting Realistic Speed Limits* in Kalamazoo County for local officials. During the workshop, Sergeant James Campbell, a 21 year veteran with the MSP and traffic crash deconstructionist, outlined the engineering and traffic investigation necessary to determine if the speed is reasonable and safe. The objective of the workshop was to familiarize the audience with the principles of setting speed limits and why a lower speed does not necessarily improve safety.

Local Roads MATTER

County roads are essential to Michigan's economy and touch virtually every aspect of our lives. Every trip begins or ends on a local road." - John Niemela, Director, County Road Association of Michigan

It is time to address the needs of our state and nation's roads and bridges, from the commuter's driveway to the interstate and home again. Michigan is currently experiencing the effect of decades of underfunding our State and local transportation infrastructure. This is compounded because **we send more of the federal fuel taxes collected in Michigan to Washington than is returned.** We must increase both the state and federal funding resources available for Michigan roads and we need your help! **Please take a moment today to call or write your state and federal legislators. Tell them that local roads matter and ask them to properly fund our state and local road system.**

Local Roads: You Can't Reach Your Destination Without Them!

Call Your Legislator and Tell Them to Support Increased Funding for Michigan's Crumbling Roads and Bridges

888-719-3087

You will hear a short message and be prompted to enter your five-digit zip code. You will then be given the choice of being connected to your State Representative or State Senator. Please take the time to speak to both and tell them that **Local Roads Matter to You!**

43rd Street, R Avenue to Q Avenue Climax Township Project Completed



The 43rd Street road project began at R Avenue, and continued north one mile to Q Avenue. The intersection of 43rd Street at Q Avenue was reconstructed including 250 feet of Q Avenue east of 43rd Street. The project began in April 2009. The construction project was primarily funded with \$680,000 Federal Surface Transportation, and \$200,000 State All Season Road Program funding.

American Recovery & Reinvestment Act Projects Update

As noted in our previous newsletter the Kalamazoo County Road Commission (KCRC) has selected projects that will receive the American Recovery & Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funding. All 3 projects were bid in the July 2009 State bid letting and were between 31% - 38% under engineers estimate. Projects were selected in conjunction with ARRA guidelines and identified as priority projects.

S Avenue – S Sprinkle to 29th Street	\$939,577
<i>Timeline: August 24th to late October</i>	
8th Street – Q Avenue to R Avenue	\$364,720*
<i>Timeline: September 8th to late October</i>	
12th Street – C Avenue to D Avenue	\$364,720*
<i>Timeline – August 24th to late October</i>	

(*8th & 12th Street projects were one bid package)

Rieth Riley is our contractor completing these projects.

Staffing Highlights

Robert DeLeon will lead our equipment and facilities department as our Equipment & Facilities Superintendent. Bob has most recently served as our Area Superintendent for Richland, Ross, Charleston & Comstock Townships. We are looking forward to his leadership in maintaining our fleet and grounds.

William DeYoung will begin the role of Area Superintendent for Richland, Ross, Charleston & Comstock Townships. Bill has served as an Operations Assistant and most recently as Utility and Plat Inspector/Weighmaster. Please join us in welcoming Bill to our Superintendent team.

Centennial Perspective

The Boy Scouts of America assisted in the evaluation of traffic that used the roadways from 1910 through the 1940's. Two or three boys would camp out at a location for 24 to 36 hours in order to get an actual count on the type of traffic that passed by them. Presumably, their efforts counted toward community service requirements for merit badges and ranks they earned. The Boy Scouts of America is getting ready to celebrate its first 100 years in 2010.

KCRC First woman Road Commissioner:
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**Mark your calendars for the
KCRC Centennial Open House
on Friday, October 2, 2009!
More information to follow.**

Board of Kalamazoo County Road Commissioners:

To better serve our County and local officials, each Road Commissioner has also been assigned as a liaison to various townships we serve as follows:

Jeffrie Maddox – **Chairman**; Comstock, Cooper, Ross
Kent McCauley – **Vice Chairman**; Brady, Climax, Pavilion
Dennis Berkebile – Charleston, Schoolcraft, Texas
Dan Moyle – Alamo, Oshtemo, Richland
Ken Oscarson - Kalamazoo, Prairie Ronde, Wakeshma

Contact Us:

We are committed to providing a safe and convenient road system for our county motorists. As our customers and as residents of Kalamazoo County you are also entitled to excellent service from us at all times. We aim to provide answers to your service requests. To make sure our service to you is prompt and courteous we strive to continually improve our methods of contact. Office hours are 7:30am – 4pm, Monday through Friday, 3801 E Kilgore Road, Kalamazoo MI 49001. Telephone - 269-381-3171/Fax 269-381-1760.

Our services on the web can be found at www.kalamazooountyroads.com and are designed to keep you updated on the news and information from our agency. You can contact us via email at info@kcrc-roads.com.