

ROAD COMMISSION **for OAKLAND COUNTY**

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REMINDER: PUBLIC HEARING IS ON APRIL 26 FOR PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS TO 12 MILE ROAD, BECK TO DIXON, IN NOVI AND WIXOM

Beverly Hills, MI — The Road Commission for Oakland County (RCOC), in partnership with the cities of Novi and Wixom, invites the public to attend a public hearing about proposed improvements to 12 Mile Road from Beck Road to Dixon Road on Tuesday, April 26.

The hearing will take place from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the City of Novi Firearms Training Center, 26350 Lee BeGole Drive (off of 11 Mile Road west of Meadowbrook Road, north of the Novi Department of Public Works Building).

The public hearing is being conducted in association with a federally mandated “environmental assessment” (EA) and in compliance with federal regulations (Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Title 23, Chapter 1, Subchapter H, Part 771.111(h)(2)(iv)). The EA completed for the corridor analyzed multiple possible alternatives to improve safety and reduce congestion along the corridor. The EA report includes a review of the social, economic and environmental impacts of each alternative.

The proposed improvements include widening this section of 12 Mile Road to a narrow-median, four-lane boulevard including pedestrian facilities along both sides of the road.

The hearing will be an open-house format with no formal presentation. RCOC staff will be present to answer questions throughout the hearing. Large drawings, maps and visual diagrams of the proposed improvements will be available for public review and comment.

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Right of way acquisition for the proposed project is anticipated in 2023-2024, and construction is expected in approximately 2025-2026. RCOC right of way acquisition staff will be in attendance to answer questions and provide information regarding acquisition rules, requirements and processes.

A copy of the EA document is available on the RCOC website (www.rcocweb.org – click on the “About Us” tab at the top of the homepage and select “12 Mile Environmental Assessment”). The document is also available at the Novi and Wixom city offices, and a copy will be available at the meeting. Additional copies are available by request.

At the hearing, the public is invited to offer comments about the proposed improvements. Comments can also be submitted electronically to design@rcoc.org. Public comments will be received by RCOC until May 6, 2022.

Anyone wishing to attend the meeting who requires special accommodations in accordance with the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) or Title VI, including those requiring language assistance, should call RCOC at 248-645-2000 and ask to be directed to the RCOC Engineering Department to submit your request. The Road Commission will provide such services, free of charge, with reasonable advanced notice.

A transcript of the hearing, including written statements received as part of the hearing, will be posted on the website. Additional information is available on the EA web page (direct link: <https://www.rcocweb.org/557/12-Mile-Road-Environmental-Assessment>).

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