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RCOC TO CLOSE NAPIER RD BETWEEN 9 MILE AND 10 MILE RDS ON LYON TWP./NOVI BORDER NOV. 14 THROUGH EARLY JAN. 2018

Beverly Hills, MI – The Road Commission for Oakland County (RCOC) plans to close Napier Road between 9 Mile and 10 Mile roads on the Lyon Township/Novi border for excavation and drainage work beginning Nov. 14.

The Napier/10 Mile Road roundabout will remain open to traffic during the Napier closure; however, the approaches on the south side of roundabout will be closed to through traffic (the north, east and west approaches and the full roundabout will remain open).

The detour for Napier Road through traffic will be 8 Mile Rd to Beck Road to 10 Mile Road and vice versa. Residential access along Napier Road will be maintained.

During the closure, the contractor will be excavating an area of poor soil on Napier Road just north of 9 Mile Road. The excavation work was scheduled after the roundabout opened so residents along Napier would not be confined by road closures at both ends of this section of Napier.

The roundabout construction started later than anticipated due to delays related to the sensitive nature of the wetlands in the area and the related permit needed from the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ). RCOC staff applied for the MDEQ permit in November 2016, and it was received on March 3, 2017.

The permit was necessary due to wetlands located just north of 10 Mile Road at Napier. Eighty percent of the project funding is federal dollars, and, in accordance with federal rules, the MDEQ permit had to be secured before the project could be placed on the state's bid schedule.

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Once the permit was secured, the state scheduled the bid letting for June. Federally funded road projects, including county roads, are bid by the state per federal requirements.

The road closures for the roundabout construction began on July 17, and RCOC required that the contractor focus its resources on this portion of the project. Prior to construction of the roundabout, residents had voiced strong concerns over the safety of the intersection.

RCOC made the roundabout construction the priority, and 13 weeks later, it opened to traffic. The Road Commission included an early completion incentive for the contractor to speed the construction process. The incentive was met.

The excavation and drainage work on Napier between 9 Mile and 10 Mile roads is expected to conclude on approximately Jan. 5, and is being done in anticipation of the upcoming paving of this section of Napier Road. The road could open sooner depending on Mother Nature.

The road will close again in the spring when the paving work begins. That closure is expected to last approximately three months, though that change depending in a variety of factors, including the weather.

This section of Napier Road carries approximately 2,350 vehicles daily.

For more information on the [Napier Road](#) construction project and a detour map, please visit:

<http://rcocweb.org/371/Napier10-Mile-Intersection-Napier-9-to-1>

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