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RCOC TO HOST PUBLIC INFO MEETING MARCH 21 ABOUT REPAVING WORK ON ORCHARD LAKE RD, COMMERCE TO MIDDLEBELT RD

Beverly Hills, MI – The Road Commission for Oakland County (RCOC), in partnership with West Bloomfield Township, Orchard Lake Village, Keego Harbor and Sylvan Lake, will host a public information meeting Tuesday, March 21, about the planned safety improvements to and resurfacing of Orchard Lake Road from Commerce Road to Middlebelt Road.

The meeting is from 4:30 p.m. until 7 p.m. at Roosevelt Elementary School, 3380 Orchard Lake Road., in Orchard Lake Village. The meeting will be open-house format -- there will not be a formal presentation. RCOC staff will be present to answer questions throughout the meeting.

The Orchard Lake Road project, expected to cost \$3.1 million, will be paid for mostly by RCOC, with contributions from Keego Harbor, Orchard Lake Village, Sylvan Lake and Oakland County general government (through the Tri-Party Program).

The project includes:

- Converting the road to three through lanes (two westbound/southbound and one eastbound/northbound) with a continuous center left-turn lane.
- Reconstruction of the section from south of Rycroft Street to the north of Commerce Road.
- Milling (grinding off existing pavement) on the rest of the road and resurfacing with asphalt.
- Isolated side street-approach reconstruction.
- Repairs to curbs and gutters.

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- Sidewalk upgrades.
- Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)-compliant crosswalks.

The project is expected to start in the summer (after July 4) and last through the fall. During the first 30 days of construction, Orchard Lake Road will be closed to northbound/eastbound traffic, including through the Commerce Road intersection (meaning Commerce Road will be closed at Orchard Lake Road), but open to southbound/westbound traffic.

The detour for northbound/eastbound Orchard Lake Road traffic is Long Lake Road to Middlebelt Road, back to Orchard Lake Road. The detour for Commerce Road traffic is Commerce Road to Hiller Road to Cooley Lake Road to Cass-Elizabeth Lake Road to Cass Lake Road, back to Orchard Lake Road and vice versa.

Following the initial 30 days, the road will be open to two-way traffic. Access to homes and businesses will be maintained throughout the project.

Anyone wishing to attend the meeting who requires special accommodations in accordance with the provisions of the 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. Reasonable efforts will be made to provide the requested accommodation or an effective alternative, but accommodations may not be guaranteed.

For more information on the Orchard Lake Road project, visit the Orchard Lake Road, Commerce to Middlebelt, page in the “Road Projects” section of the RCOC website, www.rcocweb.org (direct link: <https://www.rcocweb.org/598/Orchard-Lake-Road-Commerce-to-Middlebelt>).

For questions on either project, contact RCOC through any of the following methods:

- Online at www.rcocweb.org
- By telephone at 877-858-4808 (Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 4:15 p.m.)
- Via e-mail at dcsmail@rcoc.org