

# **ROAD COMMISSION** **for OAKLAND COUNTY**

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### **RCOC TO HOST PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING NOV. 13 FOR MIDDLEBELT/MAPLE INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENT PROJECT; CONSTRUCTION EXPECTED IN 2019**

**Beverly Hills, MI** – The Road Commission for Oakland County (RCOC) will host a public information meeting about the planned 2019 Maple Road/Middlebelt Road intersection-improvement project in West Bloomfield Township on Nov.13.

The meeting is from 4 p.m.-7 p.m. at Orchard Lake Middle School, 6000 Orchard Lake Road, West Bloomfield (between Maple Road and Walnut Lake Road). The meeting will be an open-house format -- there will be no formal presentations. RCOC staff will be present to answer questions throughout the meeting.

The approximately \$5.6 million safety-improvement project is funded with a mix of federal and local dollars. Local funding is shared by RCOC, West Bloomfield Township and Oakland County general government through the Tri-Party Program.

The project includes:

- Construction of a roundabout at the Maple/Middlebelt intersection
- Drainage improvements
- Americans with Disability Act (ADA) compliant crosswalks
- Water main replacements
- Replacement of the culvert that carries the Rouge River under Maple Road just east of Middlebelt Road

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## **PUBLIC MEETING/2 OF 2**

Tree removal and utility relocation is expected to begin between January and March of 2019 and will involve intermittent lane closures. Construction is expected to begin in late spring of 2019.

The Maple/Middlebelt Road roundabout is expected to be constructed first. The Maple Road culvert, between Glenway Drive and Bloomfield Glens Road, will be replaced once the roundabout is open to traffic.

The detour for Maple Road traffic during the roundabout and culvert construction will be Inkster Road to 14 Mile Road to Northwestern Highway to Orchard Lake Road, back to Maple Road and vice versa.

The detour for Middlebelt Road traffic during the roundabout construction is 14 Mile Road to Northwestern Highway to Orchard Lake Road to Walnut Lake Road, back to Middlebelt Road and vice versa.

The entire project is expected to be complete in mid-November of 2019.

Project meeting information and updates can be found at:

<http://www.rcocweb.org/479/MapleMiddlebelt-Road-2019-Project>

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