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RCOC BOARD APPROVES LARGEST-EVER PRESERVATION OVERLAY PROGRAM

Beverly Hills, MI – The Road Commission for Oakland County (RCOC) Board of Road Commissioners, at its regular meeting today, approved the agency’s largest-ever contract for its preservation overlay, or simple resurfacing, program.

The nearly \$25 million commitment will result in just over 90 miles of roads being resurfaced. The preservation overlay program involves simple resurfacing with two inches of asphalt of roads that are in fair condition. The program provides a smooth, new road surface and extends the life of the road by five to 10 years.

“This Board is committed to doing everything we can, with the resources available, to improve the roads,” stated RCOC Chairman Greg Jamian. “We believe the preservation overlay program is the best bang for the dollars and the best way to improve as many roads as possibly as quickly as we can.”

Jamian noted that while this is the largest-ever preservation overlay contract, the need on RCOC roads remains great. “We are taking a step in the right direction with this contract,” he noted. “However, due to Michigan’s decades of under-funding its roads, the needs on our roads remains far larger than this contract.”

The preservation overlay projects typically involve minimal milling of the road surface (grinding off sections of bad pavement) and the application of the new asphalt. They usually involve about three days worth of work over about a two-week period. During the three days of work, one lane of the road is closed, and traffic is directed by flaggers.

“This program allows us to get in and out quickly,” Jamian noted. “However, there still will be disruption of traffic, and, when this work starts, we ask for motorists’ patience as we work to improve the roads.”

He added the contract calls for projects in all sectors of the county. Work will take place in the spring and summer.

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Editor’s Note: A list of the 2019 preservation overlay projects is attached.

2019 Preservation Overlay Locations

<i>Road</i>	<i>Limits</i>	<i>Miles</i>
Cooley Lake	Union Lk to Oxbow Lk	2.5
General Motors	Hickory Ridge to Milford Village Limits	2.25
Milford	N Milford Village Limits to Highland Twp limits	7.5
Oakley Park	Beinstein to Haggerty	3.5
Pontiac Tr	S. Commerce to Welch	1
10 Mile	E/O Pontiac Trail to Meadowbrook	10
Milford Road	In the Village of Milford limits	0.5
Andersonville	Farley to Davisburg	4.5
Indianwood	Baldwin to M-24	4
Silverbell	M-24 to Adams	2.5
South Blvd	I-75 to Adams	1.5
Waldon	Giddings to M-24	1
Adams	Hamlin to Gunn	6
Cass Lake	Pontiac Lake to Otter (concrete begins)	2.75
Farmington	14 Mile to Walnut Lake	2
Franklin	Walnut Lake to Lone Pine	1
Inkster/Lone Pine	Lone Pine to Orchard Lake	2.75
Maple	Telegraph to Cranbrook	2
Maple	E/O Middlebelt to Inkster	0.75
Quarton	Inkster to Franklin	1
Quarton	Lahser to Woodward	2
Square Lake	I-75 Ramp to Adams	1.5

Adams	Birmingham City Limit to Wattles	1.25
Willow Road	Union Lake to Hiller	3
Gilbert Lake Road	Maple to Quarton	0.7
Timberlake Drive	Lone Pine to the South	0.3
Dublin Drive	Andover to Exeter	0.2
Maceday Drive	Lotus to Williams Lake Road	0.3
Midland Ave.	Dixie Hwy to Oakview	0.25
Middlebelt	Orchard Lake road to Maple	5
Square Lake Road	Middlebelt to Telegraph	2

12 Mile	w/o to e/o Southfield	1
13 Mile	Telegraph to Beverly Hills Village Limits	0.5
Haggerty	8-9 Mile	1.5
Lahser	8 1/2 to 10	2

10 Mile Service Drives	E/O Woodward to I-75	2.75
10 Mile	E/O I-75 to Dequindre	1.5
10 Mile Service Drives	W/O Coolidge to W/O Woodward	4

TOTAL 91.75