

BALDWIN ROAD UPDATE

A monthly update on the Baldwin Road widening project in Orion Township provided by the Road Commission for Oakland County.

HAWK PEDESTRIAN CROSSWALK SIGNALS NOW RUNNING AT JUDAH, GREGORY ROUNDABOUTS

The High-Intensity Activated CrossWalk (HAWK) pedestrian crosswalk beacons are now operational at the Judah and Gregory roundabouts, and pedestrians should use them to cross the roundabout approaches.

HAWK beacons are the new national standard for pedestrian crosswalks at multi-lane roundabouts. They are referred to as “beacons” rather than signals because they are only lit when activated by a pedestrian pushing the crosswalk button.

How they work: When activated by a pedestrian, the beacon will light, first with a flashing yellow light to alert drivers that a pedestrian is present, and then with two solid red lights to tell drivers to stop while the pedestrian crosses.

After activating the HAWK signal, and after the “walk” symbol is lit and traffic has stopped, the pedestrian should cross first to the “splitter island” between the entrance and exit to the roundabout. At the splitter island, the pedestrian should press the HAWK beacon button to cross the second leg of the crosswalk.



The HAWK beacon.

WHAT'S NEXT

Completion of clean-up items continues on landscaping and lighting in phase 1 (Morgan to Gregory), while watermain installation and road construction continue in phase 2 (north of Gregory).

One lane of traffic in each direction will remain open in phase 2 on Baldwin for the remainder of 2019.

GREGORY TO BE REPAVED BY PULTE, PROBABLY NEXT YEAR

Pulte Homes, the developer of the soon-to-be constructed Gregory Meadows subdivision on the south side of Gregory Road between Rohr and Baldwin has committed to repaving this section of Gregory Road.

The work will not take place while Maybee Road is closed at Baldwin, because Gregory is part of the detour route for Maybee traffic. The Maybee intersection is not expected to be done until the fall, meaning there probably would not be enough good weather left after the Maybee intersection opens to allow the Gregory paving to take place this year.

The Gregory work will include pulverizing the existing road, using the pulverized material as a base for the new pavement and then applying new asphalt on top of the newly pulverized base.

BALDWIN PROJECT MAJOR MILESTONES

Below are the remaining major milestones in the project and the approximate dates they are expected to be completed.

1. **MAYBEE REOPENED AT BALDWIN:** Late fall 2019.
2. **NORTHBOUND BALDWIN PAVED, GREGORY TO JUST SOUTH OF WALDON:** Late December 2019.
3. **SOUTHBOUND BALDWIN PAVED, GREGORY TO WALDON:** 2020
4. **GREAT LAKES ATHLETIC CENTER ROUNDABOUT FULLY OPENED TO TRAFFIC:** 2020.
5. **MAYBEE ROUNDABOUT FULLY OPENED TO TRAFFIC:** 2020
6. **WALDON ROUNDABOUT FULLY OPENED TO TRAFFIC:** 2020
7. **BOULEVARD COMPLETED, GREGORY TO WALDON:** 2020
8. **LANDSCAPING COMPLETED:** 2021

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