

# BALDWIN ROAD UPDATE

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

## PAVING UNDERWAY ON PHASE 2 OF BALDWIN

The prime contractor, Dan's Excavating, has begun the concrete paving of northbound Baldwin from Gregory to north of Waldon.

By the end of the construction season, it is expected that all of the new northbound lanes as well as the east leg of the Waldon/Baldwin intersection and both legs of the Maybee/Baldwin intersection will be paved. The section of the Maybee/Baldwin intersection that is currently being used to handle north/south traffic will remain asphalt until next year.

Once the concrete pavement is down, traffic cannot travel on it until it has fully "cured," gained the necessary strength and a number of other steps are complete. The length of the curing time is determined by the air temperature — the colder it is, the longer the cure time.

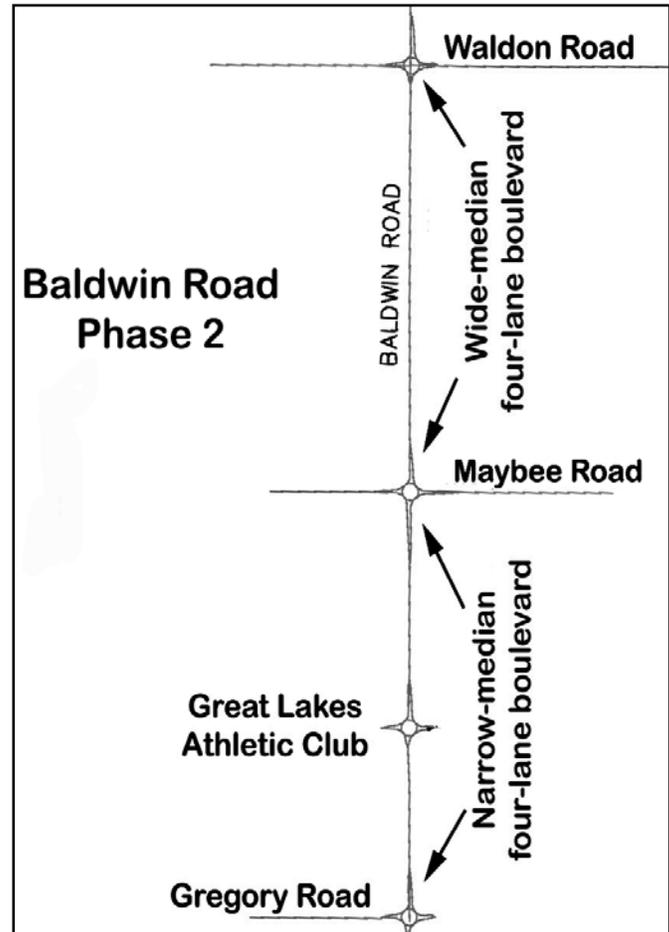
Generally, cure times range from several days to more than a week, though lane markings and shoulders must also be placed before the new concrete can be driven on. The goal is that two-direction traffic will be traveling on the new northbound lanes by the end of the construction season (typically in November or December).

In addition to the pavement in the roadway itself, the contractor is also pouring the curbs and gutters as well as filling in some of the areas around and within what will be the new roundabouts at the Maybee and Waldon intersections and at the Great Lakes Athletic Club.

## 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.



## SEVERAL SUBDIVISIONS CLOSED TO THROUGH TRAFFIC: WHAT THAT MEANS

As many motorists and residents have, no doubt, noticed, barricades have gone up preventing cut-through traffic from driving through several of the subdivisions near the Maybee/Baldwin and Waldon/Baldwin intersections.

The subdivisions will be closed to through traffic for the duration of the intersection closures. The intent of the closures is to prevent a substantial amount of cut-through traffic on the subdivision roads during the intersection closures.

This means that only motorists traveling to and from destinations within the subdivisions are allowed to travel within the subdivisions. It also means that the Oakland County Sheriff's De-

partment is monitoring the closures and may ticket drivers traveling through the subdivisions who are not going to a destination within the subdivisions.

Drivers not going to a destination within the subdivisions should avoid the subdivisions and instead use the official detour routes which are marked.

"We recognize that it is more inconvenient to take the official detour routes," noted Road Commission for Oakland County (RCOC) Managing Director Dennis Kolar. "However, we don't want thousands of additional cars each day traveling through residential subdivisions."

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