



April 22, 2024

RE: Meridian Township Local Roads Program

Dear Resident:

This is a follow-up to the letter you received in November of 2023 regarding the resurfacing work on your road.

The road contractor currently anticipates starting road construction on Tuesday, May 7. For regular updates on the construction schedule, please visit the 2023 Local Roads Program webpage at:

www.meridian.mi.us/government/township-projects/local-roads-program/local-roads-program-construction-updates.

The road construction activities will generally proceed as follows:

1. Excavating around and lowering all of the manhole structures within the roadway;
2. Milling (grinding) off all of the existing asphalt;
3. Preparation (grading & compacting) of the gravel road base;
4. Paving the first layer of new asphalt;
5. Paving the top and final layer of new asphalt;
6. Excavation around and raising all of the manholes structures within the roadway.

There may be a period of inactivity between some of these steps of up to 10 days. However, the whole process is usually continuous until the new asphalt is paved.

Any roadside mailboxes in the way of the work will temporarily be moved back about one foot, as necessary, during construction. Any relocated mailboxes will be re-set in final position at the completion of the project. Mail delivery will not be interrupted at any time. All roads will be swept to remove debris after all work is completed.

The milling (i.e. removal of the existing asphalt) typically moves past a given driveway in approximately 10 minutes, after which there is a rough gravel surface that you can drive on. The milling and paving work will be completed one lane at a time, meaning that the streets will be usable on at least one side at almost all times. An entire street is normally milled in one (1) day. Once the milling is finished, the first layer of new asphalt will be placed within 10 days.

Traffic will be able to get to and from their destinations at almost all times depending on where work is occurring in a given moment. However, immediately after the asphalt is paved, there will be a short period (typically around one hour) that the asphalt is compacted and allowed to cool. During this one hour period, you will be asked not to drive on the newly paved asphalt. In this instance, you will need to park on a street that does not have asphalt cooling and walk to your home.

Please do not go around barricades and traffic control personnel - it is very important to protect the new asphalt during this cooling period. If there are any issues involving access, there will always be an inspector onsite from Mannik & Smith (the Township's engineering firm) who can assist you. The inspector will typically be in, or near, a truck with the company name and logo on it. Please just approach the inspector and let them know, and they can help you navigate the site.

Be advised: new asphalt is VERY HOT when first placed. This is why it must cool prior to vehicles being allowed on the new surface. Additionally, it is potentially dangerous for humans and animals to walk on the new surface before it cools sufficiently. While paving work is taking place, please ask one of the nearby construction workers before walking or driving on the new asphalt. This is for your own safety as well as for the integrity of the new road.

Please do not park any vehicles on or along the roadway on the days your street is to be milled or resurfaced. Your street may have to be re-scheduled later if parked vehicles block the process. **To be assured of not holding up progress, please avoid parking any vehicles on all of the listed streets between the date of this letter and the completion of resurfacing.**

The paving contractor for this project is Capital Asphalt, a quality asphalt company based in the Lansing area. They have had numerous contracts with Meridian Township and the Ingham County Road Department.

While representatives from Mannik & Smith and Michigan Paving & Materials Company will be onsite during construction, please submit any questions or concerns to dpw@meridian.mi.us. Although field representatives are able to answer questions, they are not permitted to authorize changes to the plans or add additional work.

We sincerely apologize in advance for any inconvenience caused during construction, and we truly appreciate your patience and understanding while we work to improve your neighborhood and our entire community.