

MEMORANDUM

DATE: June 14, 2017

TO: Brian Dissette

FROM: Corey A. Kandow, PE

RE: SRF #5602-01 North Shore Drive Project Update

North Shore Drive Project

This past week, our Contractor has all but finished the concrete work on our North Shore Drive project. Several small concrete pads (for bike racks), and a small section of sidewalk at the end of Newcome are the only pieces that remain. Other work over the past week has consisted of grading and compaction of the gravel base in preparation for asphalt paving work. Topsoil has also been trucked in and placed in piles throughout some of the parkways in the south half of our project.

Today, Michigan Paving & Materials (MPM) placed the 1st layer of asphalt pavement, otherwise known as the base course, from Dyckman Avenue to Webster Avenue. Due to weight restrictions on the Dyckman Avenue Bridge, our paving operations are moving from the north to south. This will be the direction of paving movements from here forward.



Tomorrow, June 15th, MPM will be placing the remaining base course asphalt from Webster to Baseline, and the 2nd layer of asphalt pavement (leveling course) from Dyckman to Baseline. It should be noted that at the completion of paving operations tomorrow, the asphalt surface will still be approximately 1.5" below the curb level. Residents using their drives should proceed slowly into and out of them until the final asphalt surface is placed.

We are asking that residents to stay off this section (Dyckman to Baseline) while paving operations are taking place. Vehicle traffic on hot, freshly placed asphalt can result in ruts in the driving surface. These ruts can impact performance over the life of the roadway by altering how storm water drains off of the pavement. Please do not utilize the roadway until paving is complete, the asphalt is compacted, and has had a chance to cool down. By Thursday evening, the roadway should be re-opened to local traffic. Residents needing access to their cars during the day, will need to park on an adjacent side street to avoid being trapped in.

As far as the schedule for next week, work will predominately be limited to topsoil placement & grading, some minor concrete work, and raising/adjusting the manhole covers within the paved roadway. These manhole covers are purposely left low to allow the asphalt paving machine to not break stride during the base and leveling course asphalt installation. Over this next week, these covers will be set to their final grade, and concrete will be placed around them to secure them into place. After that work is complete, the Contractor will be working off of this surface to finish topsoil placement and other miscellaneous remaining work.

Looking a bit further down the road, grass seeding is being held off until after the 4th of July holiday. Tree planting and other landscaping have also been pushed off until the fall as we are outside of the recommended planting season. These two changes will give the grass and trees/landscaping a better chance for survival.

Finally, weekly on-site "tailgate talks" continue to take place for anyone with specific project related questions. These meetings take place on Wednesday's at 9:30 a.m. on the sidewalk in front of North Side Memories on Dyckman Avenue.