

MACOMB COUNTY

# Hall Road reconstruction project set for 2017



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## Stretch between M-53 and Hayes Road will be focus of project

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New details have emerged regarding the Michigan Department of Transportation's plan to reconstruct a 1.75 mile portion of M-59 (Hall Road) between the M-53 freeway and Hayes Road starting in March 2017.

At a work session with the Shelby Township Board of Trustees earlier this month, Planning and Zoning Director Glenn Wynn discussed some of the specifics of the project, which includes the

complete reconstruction of the existing concrete pavement, signal modernization, drainage improvements, sidewalks, sign replacements, and ramps compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

"It's very similar to the Van Dyke improvement project," Wynn said, referring to reconstruction work currently being performed from south of 15 Mile Road to 18 Mile Road.

"They're just reconstructing it; there's no widening," he added. "It's basically three lanes replaced with three lanes, and that's the same thing that's happening here (on Hall Road)."

According to Wynn, the project will impact the communities of Clinton, Macomb and Shelby townships, Sterling Heights and Utica. It is estimated to cost approximately \$32 million and has an anticipated completion date of November 2017.

"The first stage of the project that will be under construction next year is from Delco Drive, which is just east of the M-53 freeway, all the way to Hayes Road," Wynn said. "So it's about a two-mile stretch."

Wynn said that portion of the project will consist of rebuilding the road, some signal modification, drainage improvements, ADA ramp and sidewalk improvements, and signage replacements.

"(MDOT) is also talking about possibly doing some enhanced landscaping in the median, but we're going to wait a few months before we make that decision so we can see what's involved," Wynn said.

The second phase of the project will be from Hayes Road to Romeo Plank Road.

"MDOT is anticipating leaving three lanes open during construction, but in order to do that they've got to construct about 17 feet of pavement," said Shannon

Filarecki, an engineer with Fazal Khan & Associates.

"Their plan is to replace all of the concrete, widen some of the turn-arounds and crossovers, and then not come back and revisit it for another 40 years."

As part of the project, MDOT is also providing communities along Hall Road with an opportunity to upgrade their traffic signals.

"Instead of the standard 'box span' design, which features the signals suspended by wires hanging over the intersection, we have the option of selecting the 'mast arm' design option," Wynn said.

"This design includes vertical and horizontal poles over the intersection with the traffic lights attached."

According to Wynn, mast arms are becoming the more standard design and are currently being used on those portions of Van Dyke that were recently reconstructed.

"If we want this add on, there's going to be an additional cost," he said, noting that communities selecting the mast arm option will be responsible for paying the difference between the two alternatives.

In Clinton and Macomb townships, that would mean an additional \$32,600. In Sterling Heights, it's approximately \$377,877 more, while Utica would pay approximately \$147,355 for the mast arms.

"If we decide to do mast arms versus the cables, the cost to us (Shelby Township) will be about \$203,769," Wynn said.

Despite the additional cost, members of the Board of Trustees expressed support for the project and the mast arms at the Dec. 2 work session.

"This is a shot we get once every 40 years, so we don't want to mess it up," township Supervisor Richard Stathakis said.

## WEATHER

FIVE-DAY FORECAST FOR OAKLAND AND MACOMB COUNTIES

| TODAY                    | MONDAY            | TUESDAY                       | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY |
|--------------------------|-------------------|-------------------------------|-----------|----------|
| 40<br>25                 | 32<br>31          | 42<br>31                      | 39<br>27  | 33<br>23 |
| Mostly cloudy and breezy | Afternoon icy mix | A little morning rain; milder | Cloudy    | Cloudy   |

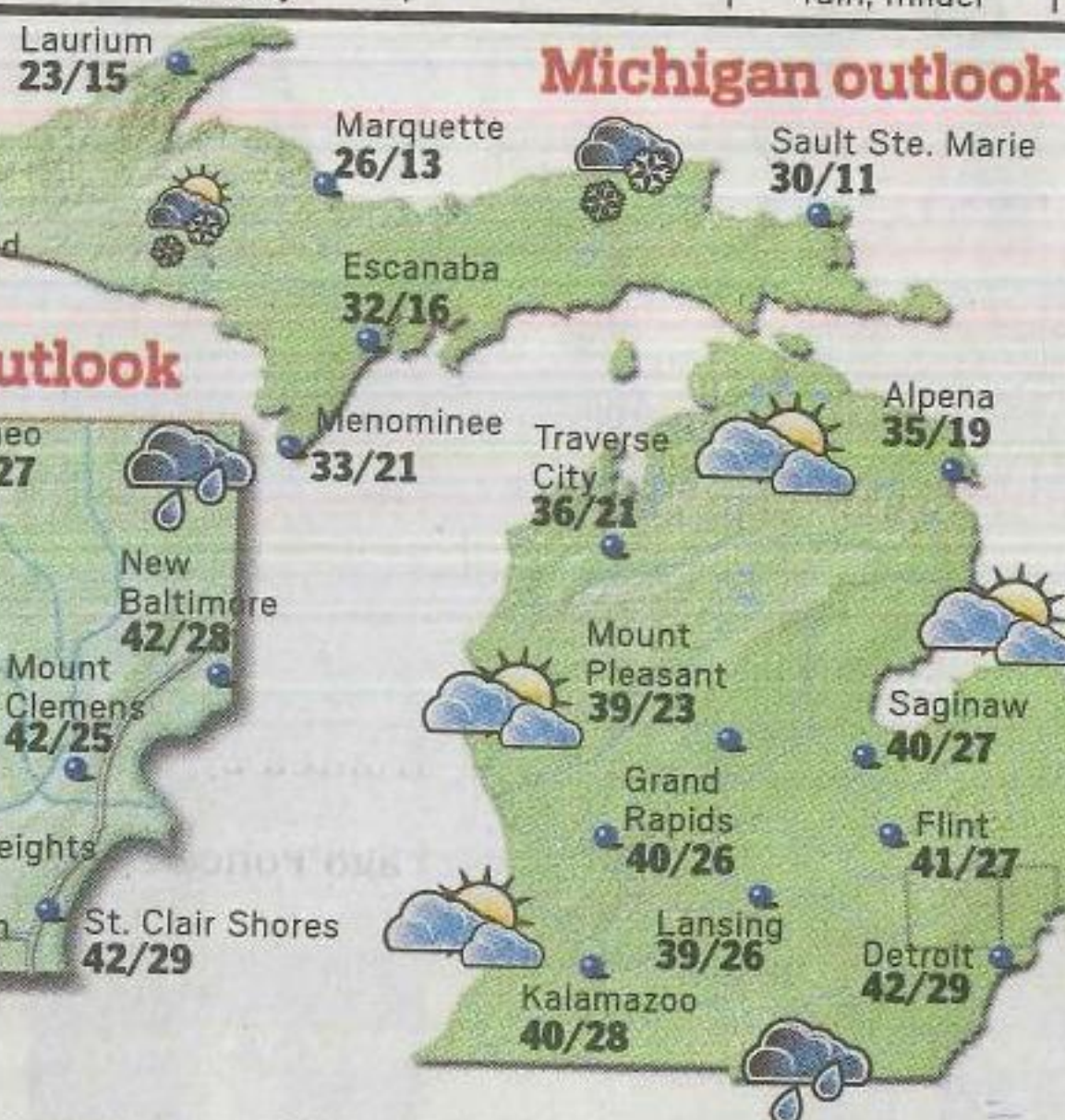
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### Oakland and Macomb outlook



### Michigan outlook



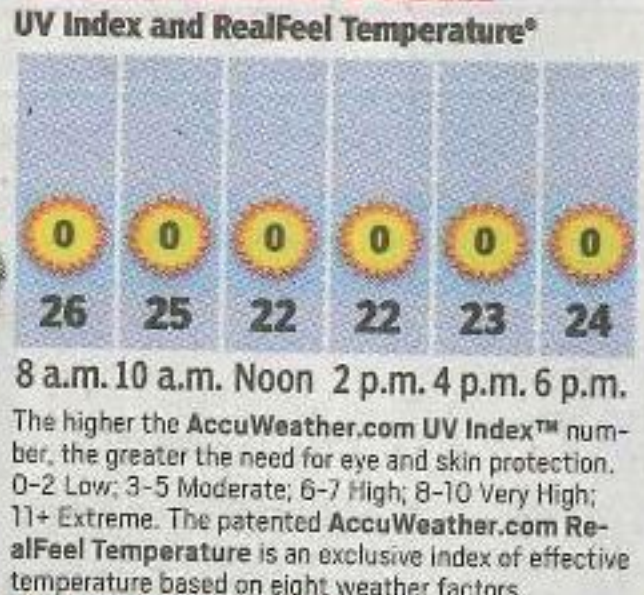
### ALMANAC

Pontiac through 4 p.m. yesterday

**Temperature**  
 High/low ..... 39/30  
 Normal high/low ..... 31/18  
 Record high ..... 61 in 1982  
 Record low ..... -11 in 1983

**Precipitation**  
 24 hours through 4 p.m. yesterday .... 0.00"  
 Month to date (normal) ..... 1.25" (1.88")  
 Year to date (normal) ..... 25.60" (31.50")  
 Snowfall yesterday ..... 0.0"  
 Snowfall season to date ..... 9.8"

### CONDITIONS TODAY



### LAKE LEVELS

Levels as of 7 a.m. yesterday

**Lake Huron at Harbor Beach**  
 Normal level ..... 579.3 feet  
 Level yesterday ..... 579.48 feet  
 24-hour change ..... -1.30 inches

**Lake St. Clair at St. Clair Shores**  
 Normal level ..... 574.7 feet  
 Level yesterday ..... 574.58 feet

### 24-Hour Temperature Forecast



### World Cities

| City      | Today HI/Lo/W | Mon. HI/Lo/W | City   | Today HI/Lo/W | Mon. HI/Lo/W |
|-----------|---------------|--------------|--------|---------------|--------------|
| Amsterdam | 56/44/c       | 54/44/pc     | London | 60/50/sh      | 57/48/c      |
| Athens    | 51/44/c       | 51/44/c      |        |               |              |

### Regional Cities

| City          | Today HI/Lo/W | Mon. HI/Lo/W |
|---------------|---------------|--------------|
| Ann Arbor     | 42/26/r       | 35/33/i      |
| Battle Creek  | 40/29/c       | 37/35/i      |
| Bay City      | 39/26/c       | 32/30/sn     |
| Benton Harbor | 41/28/c       | 38/36/i      |
| Cheboygan     | 33/18/c       | 29/25/c      |