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End in sight for 24 Mile Road water main, road project

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ABOVE: The intersection of 24 Mile and Schoenherr roads is one of the last three segments of 24 Mile Road that remains unpaved. Officials hope to begin paving operations by April 18 and complete all roadwork in June. RIGHT: Cars drive on one of the last unpaved segments of 24 Mile Road, near Schoenherr Road, March 25.

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SHELBY TOWNSHIP — Officials estimate that the 24 Mile Road reconstruction work along the entire length of an approximately 7-mile water main project from east of Dequindre to Romeo Plank roads will be finished before the end of June.

On March 18, crews finished installing the new 42-inch water main that runs parallel to an existing 36-inch water main. The \$3.3 million project began on the eastern Macomb Township end in October 2014.

Steve Mancini, president and CEO of Ric-Man Construction, said crews will resume paving operations this spring as soon as the asphalt plants reopen, which typically occurs in early April. He said he hopes to begin paving by April 18.

“As we have realized throughout this project, the only certainty with a large infrastructure installation like this is uncertainty,” Shelby Township Supervisor Rick Stathakis said. “Fortunately, much of that is behind our community with the water main fully installed. Now, the only obstacle facing crews is the weather.”

The first three sections of 24 Mile

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Water main

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Road to be paved are near the Macomb Orchard Trail, Mae Stecker Park and Schoenherr Road. They are the last stretches of road that remain gravel where crews connected the new water main to the existing water main over the winter.

After that, crews will make minor structure adjustments, apply the final layer of asphalt, stripe the road and remediate damages to adjacent properties.

Stathakis said the new roadway will include a left-turn lane.

"We appreciate the patience and understanding of the Shelby Township community," Mancini said. "This project is a full year ahead of original estimates and will result in a brand new road and water supply to service future generations."

The project is ahead of the original 820-day schedule because crews worked through the winters. Mancini also credited the working relationships between Ric-Man Construction, Shelby Township, the Macomb County Department of Roads, and the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department.

The Macomb County De-

partment of Roads will construct the small stretch of 24 Mile Road from Dequindre Road to the Rochester pump station, just east of Dequindre, where there is no water main.

When the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department project is complete, Shelby Township Department of Public Works Director David Miller said, both the old and new mains will be used.

The new main was installed to increase water capacity and give the township a redundancy water flow in case something happens to the existing pipe.

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