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# Paving underway at 24 Mile water main project

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## Crews on schedule to finish by end of June

SHELBY TOWNSHIP — Ric-Man Construction resumed final paving operations along 24 Mile Road April 18 and appears to be on schedule to finish the 7-mile water main project by the end of June.

done with right now," Shelby Township Deputy Supervisor Brad Bates said. "A traffic crew is out there doing traffic control, so they can do paving without shutting down the road."

ing quickly, with crews working on a different spot each day.

"The weather seems like it is relatively decent, so hopefully they will be done on schedule by the end of June," Bates said.

the lines painted on the roadways, so it looks like they were never here, except the road will be in better shape."

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

After the 24 Mile Road water main project is complete, the Macomb County Department of Roads will install a new road-

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way on 24 Mile Road, west of the pump station, to Dequindre Road, where there is no water main.

Robert Daleo, a Shelby Township resident who lives at 24 Mile and Shelby roads, said in a May 13 interview that crews began paving near him the previous week and had just finished.

"Now that they're finally done, it's a lot smoother," he said.

For almost two weeks, he said, exposed manhole covers posed a threat to vehicles, but that everything is good now. He said crews also timed lane closures with the time children got out of school.

"It's smooth now, very smooth," he said. "I understand you can only do what you can do (when it comes to road construction). Everybody complained, but now that it's all done, nobody's complaining."

Daleo said he is excited about the prospect of a brand new road because the former state of 24 Mile Road was "horrible."

Ric-Man Construction installed a new 42-inch Detroit Water and Sewerage Department water main along the length of the project, parallel to an existing 36-inch water main, to increase water capacity and establish a redundancy flow in case something happens to the existing pipe.

The \$3.3 million project began on the eastern Macomb Township end in October 2014.

Ryan Stalmack, of Ric-Man

Construction, and Macomb County Department of Roads Director Bob Hoepfner could not be reached for comment by press time.

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