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M-59 reconstruction project forum will highlight \$32M effort

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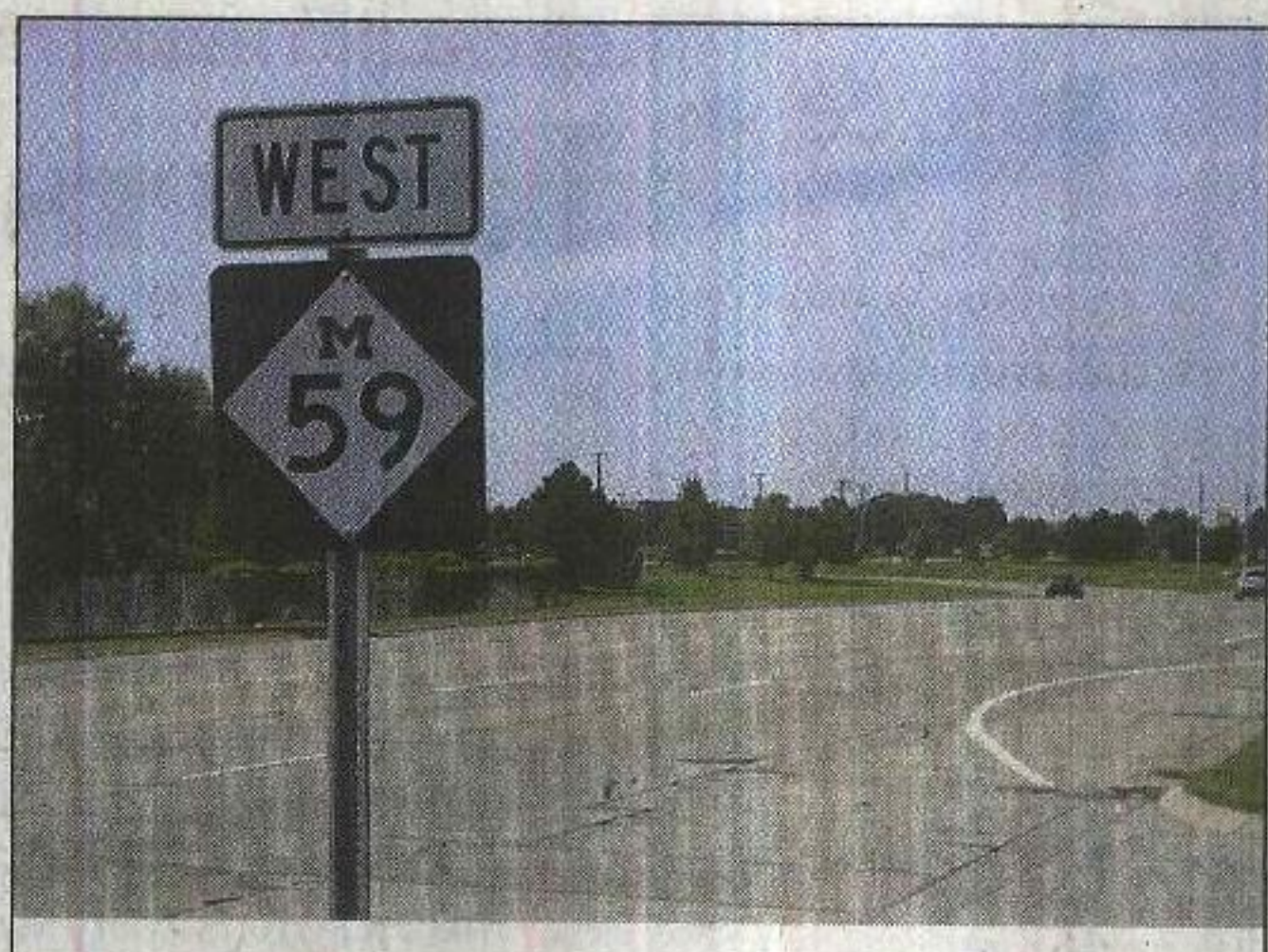
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Heights City Hall, 40555 Utica Road, to discuss the upcoming reconstruction of Hall Road from Delco Boulevard to Hayes Road.

“There will be exhibits displaying project location, types of work, and detours,” said Diane Cross, MDOT communications

representative. “Interested parties also will have the opportunity to meet the design team and learn details about the project.”

The \$32 million project is expected to begin in the spring of 2017.



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“Work will include modernizing traffic signals, improving drainage, upgrading ramps and sidewalks to Americans with Disabilities Act standards, and replacing signs,” Cross said.

According to Spiro Kotsonis, Macomb County’s senior contracts and project manager for MDOT, the roadway will be reconstructed using a hot asphalt mix instead of concrete.

“This was chosen using the life cycle cost analysis process, which is actually a law that was established in 1987 which states that whenever the pavement materials cost exceeds \$1 million, we have to do a comparison cost between concrete and asphalt,” Kotsonis said. “In our case, the lower material price was the hot mix asphalt, which is 13 percent cheaper than the concrete.”

Three lanes of traffic are expected to be maintained during peak hours of construction.

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rection at all times,” Kotsonis said. “We decided we were going to keep three lanes of traffic open in each direction at all times during peak hours.

“In order to do this, we’re going to have to construct temporary pavement in order to keep three lanes of traffic open during the peak hours. Hopefully this will alleviate some of the concerns. In terms of constructability, this is the best we can do.”

Kotsonis said MDOT will be working to provide updates and share relevant information about the project at future meetings and via the website movingmacomb.org.

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