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Dequindre work starts Monday

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The reconstruction of Dequindre Road – which touches Troy, Sterling Heights, Rochester Hills and Shelby Township depending on the area – from Burningbush Drive to West Utica Road will kick off on June 20.

According to the Road Commission for Oakland County, the project will consist of:

- The reconstruction of Dequindre from Burningbush to West Utica Road, including widening of certain portions of the road.

- Traffic signal upgrades.
- Drainage improvements.
- Operational improvements to the Dequindre/South Boulevard/Dobry Street intersection.

Construction is expected to be completed by the fall, with some restoration work to be completed in 2017. The total cost of the project is \$7.7 million, which is offset with \$6.2 million in federal funding.

The remaining amount – approximately \$1.5 million – will be shared by the Road Commission of Oakland County, the



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Macomb Department of Roads, Troy, Rochester Hills, Sterling Heights and Shelby Township.

“This is another great example of government collaboration to meet the needs of our residents and taxpayers,” said Richard Stathakis, Shelby Township supervisor.

According to Stathakis, estimates for Shelby Township’s

portion of the project are roughly \$120,000.

“Because of the moves by our Board of Trustees such as adopting a Capital Improvement Plan and using our annual general fund surpluses in a conscientious manner, we have the resources to take advantage of opportunities like this,” Stathakis said. “You never know when and

where road money will be available in our state, so the most important thing a local government can do is be ready to take advantage when the opportunity does arise.”

Plans call for the road to be constructed in two main stages.

In the first stage, crews will construct the east side of Dequindre Road and the south side

of South Boulevard.

The second stage will see construction on the west side of Dequindre Road and the north side of South Boulevard.

Dequindre Road will be open to traffic for the entirety of the project as three lanes – one lane in each direction and a center left turn lane – will be maintained throughout the project. West Utica Road is proposed to be closed at Dequindre Road for approximately three weeks. The detour route will be Ryan Road to Dobry Road.

Along with the reconstruction and widening, a redesign of the intersection at Dequindre and West Utica roads is planned as Melville Road in Rochester Hills will be aligned with West Utica Road with a new traffic signal installed at that location.

Because it lies on a county border, Dequindre Road is maintained by the MCDR between 8 Mile and 14 Mile roads and also between 26 Mile and Boardman roads. The RCOC manages Dequindre Road between 14 Mile and 26 Mile roads.

For more information about the project, contact the RCOC at 877-858-4804 or visit rcocweb.org/289/Dequindre-Road.