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Valve installations to impact drivers on 24 Mile Road through mid-February

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As work continues on 24 Mile Road in Shelby and Macomb townships, officials say motorists should

expect temporary road closures through mid-February as crews install a series of cross-connection valves between the 42-inch main and the existing 36-inch main that runs parallel to the new pipe.

“Ric-Man officials hope to have the first of these connections installed near the Macomb Orchard Trail by Christmas Day,” Shelby Township Supervisor Richard Stathakis said.

Crews will then move

to install the valve near the Cherry Creek Golf and Banquet Center with hopes to have that completed by mid-January. The final valve connection will be installed near the 24 Mile and

Road work

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Schoenherr roads intersection by mid-February.

“There will be temporary road closures posted by the Macomb County Department of Roads as these connections are installed,” Stathakis said.

According to officials with Ric-Man Construction, the three sections of road where the valves are being installed will remain unpaved until temperatures reach into the high 40s on a consistent basis and asphalt can be laid.

“Along with the three stretches of unpaved roadway, crews will also finish pavement in the Mound and 24 Mile roads intersection in the spring and restripe the roadway to accommodate for a left-turn lane for eastbound and westbound traffic,” Stathakis said.

According to Stathakis, the original design plans for the project called for the replacement of only the westbound lane of 24 Mile Road as part of a Detroit Water and Sewerage Department project to install a 42-inch diameter water main that will run parallel to the existing 36-inch water main stretching from Dequindre to Romeo Plank.

“To ensure that the eastbound and westbound lanes were reconstructed, officials from Shelby Township and Macomb Township worked with Detroit Water and Sewerage Department Director Sue McCormick, Ma-



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comb County Department of Roads Director Bob Hopfner and Macomb County Executive Mark Hackel to put together a new plan,” Stathakis said.

The revised plan called for the project to be divided into seven parts, starting at Romeo Plank Road and moving west toward Dequindre Road.

“Ric-Man Construction is well ahead of schedule with their Detroit Water and Sewerage Department project,” said Deputy Supervisor Brad Bates, who noted that the project is expected to be completed roughly one year ahead of the original 820-day schedule.

A chart outlining all planned phases of the project as it relates to tentative start and end dates can be found online at cms3.revize.com/revize/shelbynew/departments/supervisors_of_fice/24_Mile_Project_Bar_Chart.pdf.

More information about the project and upcoming closures can be found on the MCDR website at [\[comb.gov/sites/default/files/content/pdfs/24MileRoadUpdate.pdf\]\(http://comb.gov/sites/default/files/content/pdfs/24MileRoadUpdate.pdf\).](http://roads.ma-</p>
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