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DWSD, Ric-Man Construction update water main project, road reconstruction status

What started as a planned three-year, 820-day project to install a new 42-inch Detroit Water and Sewerage Department water main under 24 Mile Road from Dequindre Road in Shelby Township to Rome Plank in Macomb Township looks to end by June 2016.

At the Sept. 1 Board of Trustees meeting, the latest update to the status of the project was relayed to residents with an expectation that the entire project will be done by next spring with more than half of the project finalized before the end of 2015.

“From the very beginning this project was about collaboration to achieve objectives of multiple governmental agencies at the lowest total cost to the public to upgrade and expand vital infrastructure,” DWSD Director Sue McCormick said.

“From the initial agreement to fulfill all the needs of the DWSD and the need for a new road for the residents of Shelby and Macomb townships, to the patience residents and motorists have displayed throughout the project, this has been a testament to the great people of metro Detroit’s ability to work together.”

Currently the only stretch of 24 Mile Road within Shelby Township that is complete is between Schoenherr and Hayes roads, but Ric-Man Construction crews are confident the stretch between Schoenherr and Jewell roads, Van Dyke Ave. and Mound Road, and Mound and Shelby Roads will be complete before the end of the year.

The remaining segments of 24 Mile Road – between Shelby and Dequindre roads, Jewell Road and the M-53 Expressway overpass, and Jewell Road to Van Dyke Ave. – are set to have a base layer of asphalt paving before the end of 2015 with the final layers to be added in the spring of 2016.

Initially, the project called for crews to disrupt 24 Mile Road for three construction seasons as they installed the new water main to feed water to the growing communities of Shelby and Macomb townships with a reconstruction of only the road’s westbound lane.

Local officials worked with personnel from the Macomb County Department of Roads, DWSD and the Macomb County Executive’s Office alongside Ric-Man Construction, which was awarded a contract from DWSD for the project, to finalize and expand the project Oct. 3, 2014. That expansion included a full reconstruction of both lanes of traffic done under a condensed schedule with a minimal increase in cost.

“Originally this was only to be one new lane of road at no cost to Shelby Township,” Supervisor Rick Stathakis said. “But, through negotiation and mutual aid, several government agencies came together for the good of the community, and we will have new road for less than \$500,000.”

Because of the condensed schedules, there were some areas of the road that were impacted by increased traffic restrictions as well as issues with unmarked and unforeseen impediments beneath the roadway as the water main project was constructed.

“You never know exactly what is underground or what the underground will consist of until you actually dig,” Ric-Man Construction President Steve Mancini said. “There were some portions of the project that posed more challenges than others, and our crews greatly appreciated the patience of the Shelby Township community as we installed this vital upgrade to the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department infrastructure.”

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Detroit Water and Sewerage Department

24 MILE ROAD DECEMBER 31 PROGRESS TARGETS

- Current progress status
- Projected progress status

