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24 Mile Road water main installation nears completion, road reconstruction follows

The final stages of the project to install a new 42-inch Detroit Water and Sewerage Department water main the length of 24 Mile Road in Shelby Township, followed by a total reconstruction of the road, are taking place roughly one year ahead of the original 820-day schedule.

The latest update to the status of the project from Ric-Man Construction comes with an expectation that the entire project will be done by spring 2016, with more than half of the project finalized before the end of 2015.

“It’s been a long year since ground was broken just west of Van Dyke to get this project started in Shelby Township,” Township Supervisor Rick Stathakis said. “But it’s a lot closer to being done than not. I confirmed with Ric-Man officials that they are very near the final phases of water main installation, and they are hopeful that most of the roadways will be replaced before the end of 2015.”

By Oct. 5, Ric-Man Construction plans to have 24 Mile Road complete and open to two-way traffic between Schoenherr and Romeo Plank roads and Shelby Road and Van Dyke Ave. Crews are confident the stretch between Jewell and Schoenherr roads will be complete before the end of the year.

“We appreciate the patience and understanding of the Shelby Township community,” Ric-Man President Steve Mancini said. “This is a very large project with a lot of variables in play, but because of the working relationships of Ric-Man Construction, Shelby Township, the Macomb County Department of Roads and the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department this project is still a full year ahead of original estimates.”

The closure near Brookfield Drive east of Dequindre Road is set to be lifted by Oct. 1. The segments of 24 Mile Road between Shelby and Dequindre roads and Van Dyke and Jewell Road 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.

The other full closure on 24 Mile Road, located near the M-53 overpass just west of Jewell Road, is also scheduled to be lifted by Oct. 5, which would facilitate at least partial traffic having access to 24 Mile Road throughout the township.

Ric-Man crews also finished the second-to-last intersection crossing of the project Sept. 21 when they installed the water main beneath the Jewell Road/Shelby Parkway intersection. The final intersection to cross is Van Dyke Ave.

“While there will be intermittent lane closures as the roads are reconstructed, the long, sustained closures we’ve seen are behind us,” Stathakis said. “The frustration this has caused our residents and motorists is completely understandable, but when it is done we will have a reliable water source for our growing community and a new road the entire width of the township.”

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