

HOMEOWNER NOTICE

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Roadway Repaving and Reconstruction

Per information provided in this mailing, streets in your neighborhood will soon be undergoing pavement reconstruction. Specific work activities will vary depending on if your road has curb and gutter on it (or not). Please refer to the full mailer for details and follow online construction updates to get the latest information.

If you have any questions regarding the project, please look for on-site inspectors or reach out using the phone numbers or email addresses below. Questions regarding streets with curb and gutter should be directed to Abonmarche and questions regarding streets without curb and gutter should be directed to Spalding DeDecker.

Abonmarche

773-720-2715

localroads@meridian.mi.us

Spalding DeDecker

616-292-4834

roads@meridian.mi.us

All project information including mailed notices, construction updates, and street closures can be found on the township website at the following link:



April 9, 2025

RE: Meridian Township Local Road Pavement Maintenance Program

Dear Resident:

The streets colored in blue on the map to the right are scheduled to be resurfaced in 2025.

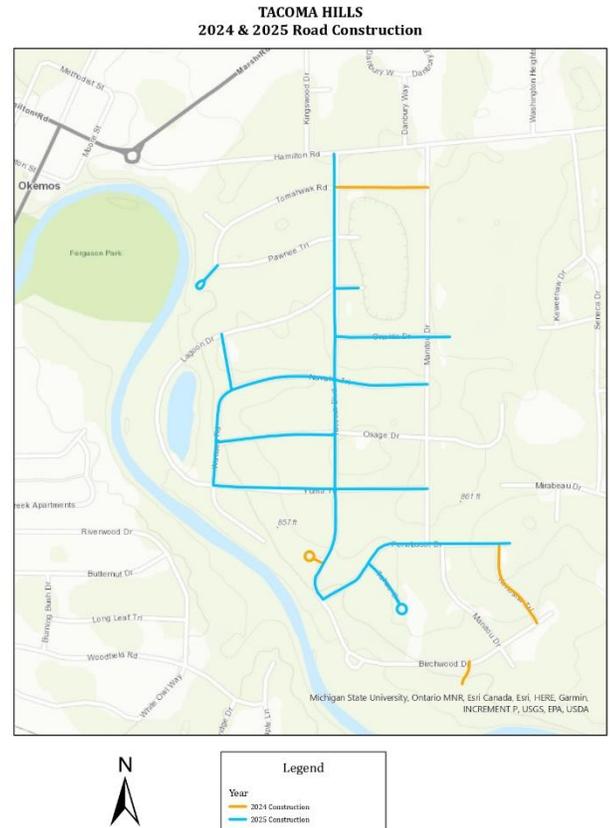
Consumers Energy is currently finishing up their natural gas utility upgrades prior to these roads being resurfaced. Between early April and late-May, TL Contracting Inc. will also be performing some spot repairs to existing storm drains under Tacoma Blvd, Manitou Dr, Navaho Trl, Osage Dr, and Penobscot Dr prior to paving work beginning.

Between early April and late-May, prior to the paving work, damaged or settled sections of curb and gutter, that are preventing proper road drainage, will be replaced. The Township identifies the curb and gutter that is replaced based on televising the roads after a significant rain event. The Township will not add additional curb and gutter for replacement. The Township does not replace curb and gutter for aesthetic purposes.

Pink paint will be used to mark concrete (curb/sidewalk) for replacement in advance of the concrete contractor mobilizing to each area. **If you have sprinklers, invisible fence, lighting, landscaping, or any other personal property within approximately 10 feet of any concrete that is marked for replacement, it is recommended that you move these items away from the indicated work so that they are not damaged by the project.** Although every effort will be made to avoid damage to personal property items adjacent to the concrete, such as sprinklers, the contractor **does not replace or relocate these items** other than setting them back in, or as close as possible to, their original locations. Any items located between the curb and sidewalk are in the public road right-of-way (ROW), not on private property. **The ROW typically extends 33-feet from the road centerline, ending just on the house-side of the sidewalk. Placement of items, such as those listed above, in the ROW is subject to permitting and approval by the Ingham County Road Department (ICRD). Damage to any items placed in the ROW without proper permits from the ICRD will not be reimbursed or replaced by Meridian Township.**

The asphalt work will be the last step in the construction process. If you live on a road with curb and gutter, and it is highlighted in blue above, the paving work will proceed as follows:

1. Excavating around and lowering all of the manhole structures within the roadway;
2. Milling (grinding) off all of the existing asphalt;
3. Preparation (grading & compacting) of the gravel road base;
4. Paving the first layer of new asphalt;



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5. Paving the top and final layer of new asphalt;
 6. Excavation around and raising all of the manholes structures within the roadway.

If you live on a road without curb and gutter, and it is highlighted in blue on the map, the work will proceed as follows:

1. Excavation/grading ditches to correct drainage.
2. Excavating around and lowering all of the manhole structures within the roadway.
3. Crushing all of the existing asphalt in place.
4. Shaping (grading & compacting) and asphalt stabilization of the pulverized asphalt into a new gravel road base.
5. Paving the first layer of new asphalt.
6. Paving the top and final layer of new asphalt.
7. Installation of new gravel shoulders to protect the edge of the new road.
8. Excavation around and raising all of the manholes structures within the roadway.
9. Final lawn restoration.

Depending on the weather, and how many streets are being done at once, there may be a period of inactivity between some of these steps of up to 10 days. However, the whole process is usually continuous until the asphalt is placed.

Any roadside mailboxes in the way of the work will temporarily be moved back about one foot, as necessary, during construction. Any relocated mailboxes will be re-set in final position at the completion of the project. Mail delivery will not be interrupted at any time. Any disturbed lawn areas will be restored with grass seed and topsoil. All roads will be swept to remove debris after all work is completed.

The milling and crushing (i.e. removal of the old asphalt) typically moves past a given driveway in approximately 10 minutes, after which there is a rough gravel surface that you can drive on. The milling, crushing and paving work will be completed one lane at a time, thus the streets will be usable on at least one side at almost all times. An entire street is normally milled in one (1) day. Once the milling is finished, the first layer of new asphalt will be placed within 10 days.

Traffic will be able to get to and from their destinations at almost all times depending on exactly where work is occurring at the given time. However, immediately after the asphalt is placed there will be a short period, typically around one (1) hour, while the asphalt is compacted and allowed to cool, and you will be asked not to drive across. In this instance, you will need to park on a street that does not have asphalt cooling and walk to your home.

Please do not go around barricades and traffic control personnel - it is very important to protect the new asphalt during this cooling period. If there are any issues involving access, there will always be an inspector onsite from Abonmarche. The inspector will be in a truck with the company name and logo on it. Please just approach the inspector and let them know, and they can help you navigate the construction site.

Be advised: new asphalt is VERY HOT when first placed. This is why it must cool prior to vehicles being allowed on the new surface. Additionally, it is potentially dangerous for humans and animals to walk on the new surface before it cools sufficiently. While paving work is taking place, please ask one of the nearby construction workers before walking or driving on the new asphalt. This is for your own safety as well as for the integrity of the new road.

Please do not park any vehicles on or along the roadway during construction. Your street may have to be re-scheduled later if parked vehicles block the process.

Funding for this project comes from the Meridian Township Street Improvement Bond, as part of the Township's 10-year effort to bring all of the local roads in Meridian up to a 'good' rating.

To assist with the local road program, Meridian Township has hired **Abonmarche** and **Spalding DeDecker** to provide field inspection and day-to-day oversight of the milling, crushing and paving work. A representative from **Abonmarche** and **Spalding DeDecker** will be onsite during the road construction to ensure a quality product for all Township residents.

Abonmarche will be overseeing construction on roads with curb and gutter. Please submit any questions or concerns regarding these roads directly to Meridian Township at roads@meridian.mi.us or the project inspector, Brian Poyton at 231.875.6104.

Spalding DeDecker will be overseeing construction on roads without curb and gutter. Please submit any questions or concerns regarding these roads directly to Meridian Township at roads@meridian.mi.us or the project inspector, Kelly Green at 616.292.4834.

The work will proceed by Area, in the approximate order shown in the table below. Field conditions, weather, or other unexpected conditions may result in changes to this order. For regular construction schedule updates, please see the Local Roads Program page at: www.meridian.mi.us/TownshipProjects. Once you visit this link, please select from these two options:

[2025 Local Roads Program - Curb and Gutter Webpage](#)

OR

[2025 Local Roads Program - Without Curb and Gutter Webpage](#)

Then, once you have selected/visited the correct website, please click on the blue “Construction Updates” button. This is the location where real-time updates to the construction schedule will be published.

The paving contractor for this project is **Michigan Paving & Materials Company**, a quality asphalt company based in the Lansing area. They have completed many successful projects for Meridian Township and ICRD.

The concrete contractor for this project is **Lopez Concrete Construction, LLC**, a quality concrete company based in the Lansing area. They have successfully completed numerous contracts with Meridian Township. The concrete contractor is expected to begin the curb and sidewalk work in April, though the exact start date is dependent on the weather and the contractor’s schedule.

We sincerely apologize in advance for any inconvenience caused during construction, and we truly appreciate your patience and understanding while we work to improve your neighborhood and our entire community.

Meridian Township Local Roads to be milled and resurfaced in 2025:

<u>Area</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Everett Farms	April	May
Tacoma Hills (Mill and Overlay)	May	June
Lac Du Mont	June	July

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

PRIVATE SANITARY SEWER PIPES

Due to the fact that your road is being resurfaced this year, we recommend giving consideration to the sanitary sewer pipe that serves your home, specifically the portion that extends under the road. These are frequently overlooked by homeowners, being out-of-sight and out-of-mind, but when they fail, they can be incredibly expensive to repair.

Sewer pipeline inspection is a relatively cheap and very effective means to assess the condition of the pipe between your house and the public sanitary sewer main, typically located under the road. The equipment and expertise required to do this work is widespread, with numerous local contractors available.

The benefit of performing such an inspection now lies in the potential cost to repair a pipe under the road. While Meridian Township is responsible for the large public sewer main, the individual house services, which run between the public main and each house, are the responsibility of the homeowner. Under normal circumstances, if a house service breaks under the road, the homeowner is responsible not only for the cost of the pipe repair, but also the cost to repair the asphalt road where it is disturbed.

However, if a pipe defect under the road is identified now, the homeowner has the option of making the repair in conjunction with the road resurfacing. This means that the homeowner would only be responsible for the cost to replace the pipe, and not the cost to replace the asphalt.

Please note, this is only a recommendation – you are not required to take any action at this point. However, if you have had previous issues with your sewer, then we strongly urge you to consider having your line inspected. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to the Department of Public Works (contact information above).

ROAD DRAINAGE AND DITCHES

Storm water can be the single most detrimental factor affecting the long-term conditions of asphalt roads. For this reason, drainage is taken into consideration during the planning process for roadway resurfacing projects undertaken by Meridian Township. The water must be able to drain from the roadway for the road surface to last, and for the safety of the traveling public.

Swales and ditches are engineered along a road to take the rainwater off and away from the pavement. Existing features, including the elevations of structures, existing and adjacent roadways, driveways, and available outlets control the slopes of ditches. The fact that there is very little slope to the land can cause the water to stand in the ditches as it slowly drains to nearby outlets and infiltrates into the ground. *This is a common occurrence for roadside ditches because the main purpose of the ditch is to clear the road surface of water.* Additionally, over time ditches fill in with sediment, debris, and vegetation. This can cause a well-constructed ditch to fail to drain properly and require re-shaping or reconstruction of the ditch during road projects.

For water to continue flowing past driveways, culverts are necessary where a drive crosses a ditch. These culverts and driveway approaches are within the public road right-of-way, under the jurisdiction of the Ingham County Road Department. During road construction, contractors may remove the driveway approach to facilitate the replacement of the culvert. If so, the driveway will be backfilled with material so residents can access their driveway during construction. The driveway approach may have asphalt or millings temporarily placed in them while the contractor schedules the work to place the final surface.

***** THE CMP CULVERT IS OWNER'S RESPONSIBILITY – REGULAR CLEANING IS RECOMMENDED *****

The public road right-of-way is generally 33-feet each side (maybe less in platted subdivisions) of the center of the road and may include areas that are typically maintained by the resident. Grading or construction activities of this area may be required drain storm water off the road, or to open the flow of storm water drainage. Crews will restore disturbed areas

after the drainage work is complete. *In many cases the need to improve drainage may change the appearance and/or grade of the area in front of the property, even after the areas are restored with grass seed.* Moreover, at times the need to improve water flow upstream may require cleaning of the entire flow area even though there seems to be no visible problem or standing water at a particular location.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to the Department of Public Works (contact information above).

