



AGENDA
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN
MERIDIAN TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
September 21, 2023 6:00 p.m.

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. May 18, 2023

4. COMMUNICATIONS

A. MDOT STOC Flyer

5. PUBLIC REMARKS

6. COMMISSION DISCUSSION

A. Redi Ride Discussion (Discussion)

B. Local Road Program Update (Discussion)

C. Master Plan Discussion – Street Lights (Discussion)

7. PROJECT UPDATES

A. MDOT M-43 Project update (Staff)

B. Local Roads and Other Construction Projects update (Discussion)

8. REPORTS / ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Township Board

B. Planning Commission

C. Board Member Comments

D. Outbound Communications

E. Staff

9. NEXT MEETING DATES

A. Planning Commission Meeting September 25, 2023

B. Township Board Meeting October 3, 2023

C. Next Transportation Commission Meeting November 16, 2023

10. ADJOURNMENT

IN PERSON MEETING

Town Hall Room

5151 Marsh Road

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Meeting Location: 5151 Marsh Road, Okemos, MI 48864

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Charter Township of Meridian
Meridian Transportation Commission
5151 Marsh Road, Okemos, MI 48864
Thursday, May 18, 2023 – Minutes – DRAFT

Members Present: Chair Lovell, Trustee Sundland, Commissioner Potter, Commissioner Robertson, Commissioner Frierson, and Planning Commission Liaison McCurtis

Members Absent: Vice-Chair Hudson

Others Present: Senior Planner Shorkey, DPW Director Opsommer, and Planning Commissioner McConnell

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chair Lovell called the meeting to order at 6:05 PM

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

**MOTION BY COMMISSIONER POTTER TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED.
SUPPORTED BY COMMISSIONER ROBERTSON. MOTION PASSES 6-0**

3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Motion by Commissioner Robertson, 2nd by Commissioner Frierson to accept the January 19th minutes as written. Passed 6-0

Senior Planner Shorkey said that the February 23rd minutes had been written and included but that they didn't need approval since there wasn't a quorum. Chair Lovell confirmed that the Transportation Commission didn't take any action and asked for the draft minutes to be acknowledged and approved as a committee of the whole.

Motion by Commissioner Potter, 2nd by Commissioner Robertson to accept February 23rd minutes as a committee of the whole. Passed 6-0.

4. COMMUNICATIONS

None

5. PUBLIC REMARKS

None

6. COMMISSION DISCUSSION

A. Township PASER Ratings

DPW Director Opsommer discussed the 2019 PASER ratings in the Township and followed with a discussion of the 2022 PASER ratings and described the contrast between the 2022 and 2019

ratings. DPW Director Opsommer said that the Board has approved \$2 million of ARP money for local roads.

Commissioner McCurtis asked if the average PASER rating from 2019 to 2022 was an improvement. DPW Director Opsommer showed the relevant pages from a Power Point that answered the question; 4.47 to 5.25 from 2019 to 2022 was an improvement and the goal is an 8. DPW Director Opsommer said that we update the PASER ratings when they go out to bond and said that the Township would be at a 7 at the end of the 10-year bond. DPW Director Opsommer said that inflation has affected the pace of improvements. Commissioner Robertson asked if it was expected that asphalt would continue to increase in price.

DPW Director Opsommer discussed the road improvement process and what methods are used for what roads. DPW Director Opsommer asked to go into the next item and show the whole Power Point.

B. Township Local Road Program

DPW Director Opsommer showed his Local Road Power Point. DPW Director Opsommer discussed the new rejuvenator road treatment in detail; being applied on 2019-2021 reconstructed roads to extend their lives. Commissioner Robertson asked if the rejuvenator was used in lieu of crack sealer. DPW Director Opsommer said it is used on roads without cracks and crack filling would still be used on cracked roads. Commissioner Frierson asked if the treatment has been used in Michigan. DPW Director Opsommer listed Michigan four communities and said that the Township called all four communities for references.

Commissioner Frierson asked if PASER included the use of the rejuvenator. DPW Director Opsommer said no, but PASER won't be affected since it goes on 9s and 10s. Commissioner Potter asked if the road being treated can be opened right away. DPW Director Opsommer said that half the road is sprayed at a time, a lane opening 30 minutes later. Chair Lovell asked how questions from homeowners are answered. Commissioner McCurtis asked if the Township has any concrete roads; no, but the State does. Commissioner Potter asked if dust is generated from the treatment; not much and street is swept after the treatment. Commissioner Robertson asked if the treatment can get into the drains; no. Commissioner Potter asked if any stuff remains after the treatment like asphalt. Commissioner Potter asked if the Township was going over past chip sealed roads; no, only new ones. Commissioner Frierson asked if residents are asked not to walk on the roads; yes. Commissioner Robertson asked if the Township would apply it at night; no, Township has an ordinance and doesn't want to upset neighbors.

DPW Director Opsommer described what the Township is doing to address issues with chip and fog roads; called a Texas underseal. General discussion about road improvement methods in the Township. Commissioner Frierson asked DPW Director Opsommer if he foresaw a block of roads that exceed their useful life in 5 to 10 years. DPW Director Opsommer said no, but in about 20 years, there will be a dearth of roads that will be at the end of their lives.

C. M-43 Street Lights

DPW Director Opsommer said that there is a luminary over the three intersections; the Township can ask for more. There is one coming at the Meridian Road intersection as part of that project. Commissioner Potter said that the current luminaries don't cover the large March and Okemos intersections enough. DPW Director Opsommer said the Township can ask Consumers for new overhead luminaries if they can be worked into the new signalization format. Commissioner Potter

said that Dobie Road's intersection is concerning and that the whole light system on Grand River needs to be looked at.

Chair Lovell asked about cost and that suggested that LED lights aren't as expensive. DPW Director Opsommer said the Consumers charges for new lights and the Township pays for the electricity.

D. SRTS Update

Senior Planner Shorkey introduced the discussion and said that he and Commissioner Potter had been on a Zoom meeting that afternoon to discuss the SRTS project. Senior Planner Shorkey asked Commissioner Potter to discuss. Commissioner Potter discussed the project from his perspective; ICRD has seemed unsupportive in a past email but was quiet during the Zoom meeting that afternoon. DPW Director Opsommer said that he missed that meeting but that there was a change of leadership at the ICRD. General discussion about road issues and the ICRD.

Commissioner Potter said that a lot of sidewalk issues had been pointed out during the 2022 walking audit; local responsibility and pushback on sidewalk widening projects. DPW Director Opsommer discussed how the Township has widened the pathway in some sections. DPW Director Opsommer said that the RFBs are the Township's too, including the ones on Hagadorn and Okemos Roads. Commissioner Frierson asked what requests were meeting the most resistance from the county. Commissioner Potter said the recommendations for safety islands on Dobie Road. Commissioner McConnell said that the ICRD said that they won't do any of the PE work. Chair Lovell suggested that the school would have to rebuild Pathway that they ruin during their school construction.

Commissioner Potter said that he brought up the issue about the no parking bike signs on Kinawa Drive and said that he had asked for those likes to be added. Commissioner Potter said that the ICRD was unsupportive and rejected his idea to narrow the lanes. Commissioner Frierson said that narrowing lanes wasn't a good idea because cars need a minimum width for safe driving.

7. PROJECT UPDATES

A. MDOT M-43 Project Update

DPW Director Opsommer said that work on the refuge islands should be completed within the next week. Milling and paving from Marsh Road to Park Lake Road except for the concrete portions June 28 to Mid-August. DPW Director Opsommer said that they are discussing night paving for the Marsh Road intersection work; either way, one lane east and west will always be maintained; detour through Central Park Drive and Dobie Road. Commissioner McCurtis asked if the Grand River milling is the end of the project. DPW Director Opsommer said just striping left, should be park of that. Commissioner Potter asked if the Township is able to offer rewards for early completion. DPW Director Opsommer said it isn't our contract with MDOT, but our contracts are starting to include it, like the one for the building renovations. Commissioner Frierson said that a calculation can be used for calculating incentive and disincentives for large highway projects.

Commissioner Potter said that he's concerned about the Pathway around Waldon Pond and its closing for the second straight year and asked if it is a Consumers project? DPW Director Opsommer said yes, no completion date, high pressure gas main. Discussion about the Waldon path followed.

Chair Lovell asked about pedestrian crossings in the construction areas. DPW Director Opsommer showed the locations of the new refuge islands. Commissioner Potter asked if MDOT agreed to better signage on the islands; yes. Chair Lovell said it is strange that we have activated lights on

Okemos but not on Grand River. General discussion about pedestrian lights and crossings. Commissioner Potter asked about pedestrian striping.

B. Okemos Road Project Update

Commissioner Potter asked about the trail under the bridge. DPW Director Opsommer said that the Wonch Park side should be done this year; should include a canoe launch. Fergusson Park side more complicated and should be next year. Trustee Sundland asked for clarification about how pedestrians cross the river on the trail.

Commissioner Robertson asked about Okemos and Hamilton intersection and said that no one pays attention to the right turn only sign on the southbound lane. DPW Director Opsommer said that sign shouldn't be there since it's a through lane. Commissioner Potter discussed the condition of Hamilton Road and pointed out the eastbound lane needs work. DPW Director Opsommer said that he would discuss it with the ICRD.

C. Local Roads and Other Construction Projects Update

Commissioner Potter asked about the Meridian and M-43 project; why three months long? DPW Director Opsommer said it is a full reconstruct of the intersection and the construction of the signalization infrastructure. Commissioner Potter said that a lot of Meridian traffic is coming down Van Atta now. DPW Director Opsommer said they would increase police patrols. Chari Lovell asked if there are any plans for South Meridian Road; no. Commissioner McCurtis asked what is happening at the Meridian Road intersection. DPW Director Opsommer described the project. Commissioner McCurtis asked if the project includes consideration for southbound turns on South Meridian Road. DPW Director Opsommer said not at this time. Commissioner McCurtis asked for clarification of the Meridian intersection timeline. DPW Director Opsommer said the due date is September 1st.

Commissioner Potter asked for an update on the MSU/Lake Lansing trail. DPW Director Opsommer detailed the work and said that they hoped to open Phase I before students return. DPW Director Opsommer said that they were getting ready to have a pre-con on Phase II.

8. REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Trustee Sundland updated the Commission about the Board's activity; included policy decisions, the travel policy, an anonymous gun drop off, Communications Department's excellence award, Ingham County Parks trail grant renewal, Memorial Day event, Celebrate Meridian, Pride Day, school resource officer in Haslett Public Schools, and Township signs.

Commissioner McCurtis updated the Commission about the Planning Commission's activity; included medical marijuana public hearings, Master Plan update, Cade Street rezoning, car wash SUP at Outback site. McCurtis mentioned Juneteenth taking place June 17th and 18th. Commissioner Potter asked if there are any updates on Winslow trailer park. Commissioner McCurtis said no. Commissioner McConnell mentioned the Schultz veterinary clinic expansion.

Trustee Sundland said that the Okemos Village project is looking to break ground in September 2024. Commissioner Robertson asked about other marijuana businesses, general discussion about marijuana. Trustee Sundland said that the Board is bringing the recreational marijuana ordinance back in June and may approve it in July.

Chair Lovell talked about the history of the Transportation Commission and asked the Commissioners to consider if they have a responsibility to outreach to the Township. Senior Planner Shorkey suggested that they could suggest updates to the Zoning Ordinance and recommend policy changes to the Board. DPW Director Opsommer suggested resolutions to the ICRD and the County Board of Commissioners. DPW Director Opsommer said that a new trail will be on the next agenda.

Commissioner Potter said that he thought that the Communications Department is doing well and responding effectively to social media. General discussion about social media and communications. Chair Lovell asked Senior Planner Shorkey to add 'outbound communications' to future agendas.

9. NEXT MEETING DATES

Township Board Meeting June 6, 2023

Transportation Commission Meeting July 20, 2023

10. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER POTTER TO ADJURN. SUPPORTED BY COMMISSIONER RICHARDSON at 8:30. MOTION PASSES 6-0.



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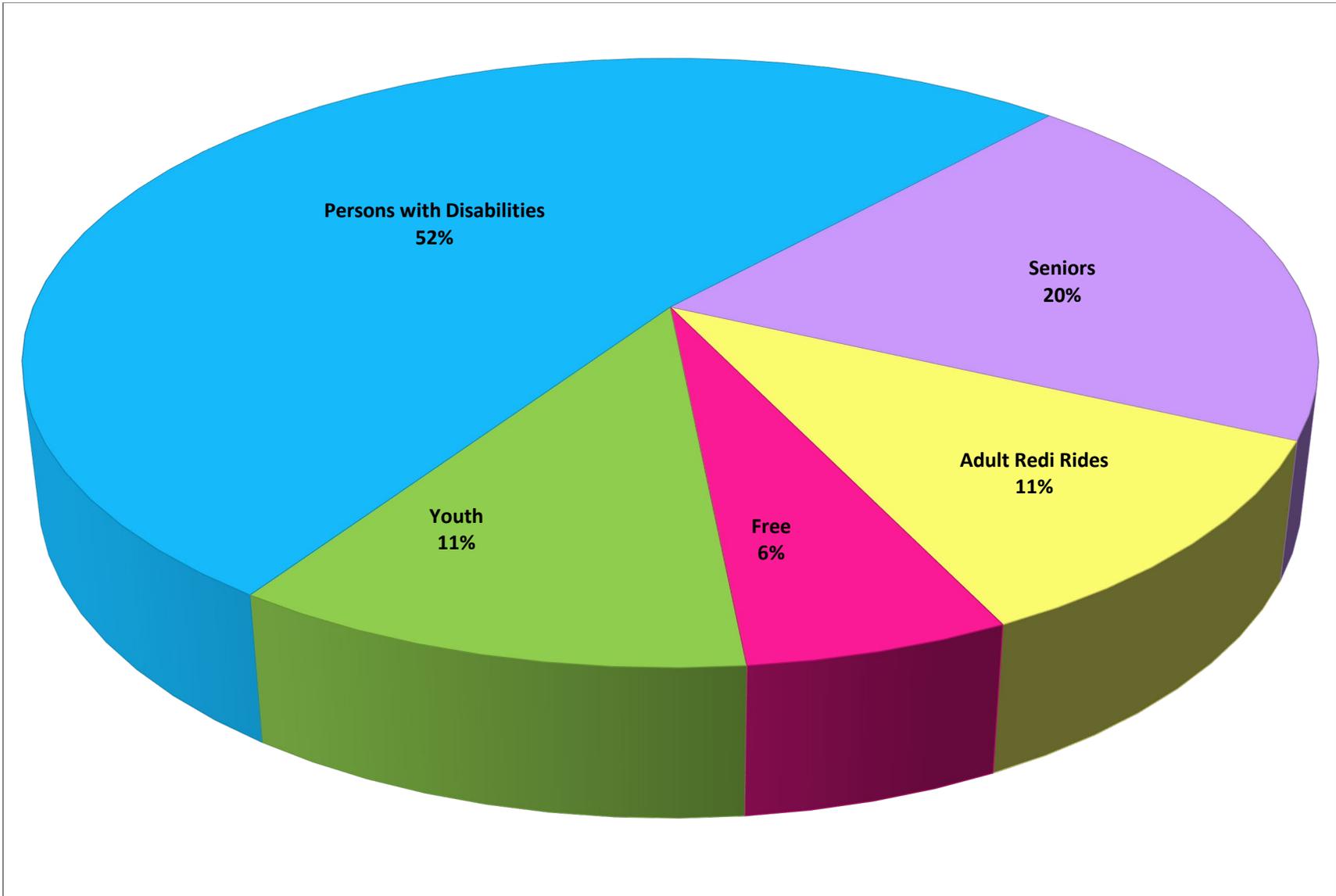
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- ✓ Responders on scene
- ✓ Traffic backups
- ✓ Damage to MDOT property

Meridian Redi-Ride by type. August 1, 2018 – August 31, 2023



August 2018 through August 2023

July 2021 - August 2023 Meridian Township Redi-Ride Booking Analysis

Month	Total Trips Booked	Capacity	% of Capacity Denials to Total Bookings	Client Refusal	Client Refusals as % of Total Bookings	Cancel	% Cancel	No Shows	% No Shows	Days of Operation this Month
Jul-21	1230	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	237	19.30%	52	4.20%	27
Aug-21	1198	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	164	13.70%	45	3.80%	27
Sep-21	1437	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	195	13.60%	132	9.20%	25
Oct-21	1347	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	222	16.70%	108	8.00%	26
Nov-21	1407	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	205	14.60%	100	7.10%	25
Dec-21	1486	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	245	16.50%	125	8.40%	26
Jan-22	2193	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	364	16.60%	134	6.10%	25
Feb-22	1425	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	223	15.65%	124	8.70%	24
Mar-22	1569	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	220	14.02%	135	8.60%	27
Apr-22	1541	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	200	13.00%	124	8.00%	26
May-22	1465	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	220	15.01%	98	6.70%	25
Jun-22	1503	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	247	16.40%	101	6.70%	26
Jul-22	1326	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	286	21.60%	54	4.10%	26
Aug-22	1471	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	270	18.40%	86	5.80%	27
Sep-22	1340	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	254	13.80%	63	4.70%	25
Oct-22	1390	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	232	16.70%	53	3.80%	26
Nov-22	1566	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	303	19.30%	50	3.20%	25
Dec-23	1640	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	348	21.21%	70	4.30%	27
Jan-23	1659	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	366	22.10%	55	3.31%	26
Feb-23	1466	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	360	24.60%	63	4.30%	24
Mar-23	1487	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	308	20.70%	49	3.30%	27
Apr-23	1421	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	298	21.00%	48	3.40%	25
May-23	1570	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	332	21.10%	42	2.60%	25
Jun-23	1435	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	289	20.10%	45	3.10%	26
Jul-23	1326	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	286	22.00%	47	3.50%	25
Aug-23	1420	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	296	21.00%	54	3.80%	27
Total	38318	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	6970	18.20%	2064	5.40%	666

Meridian Redi-Ride Ridership Extended Hours August 2018 through August 2023

Time	Trips Booked	Taken	Cancel s	No-Shows	Cap-Denials	Refusals
7:00 - 7:30	1117	975	89	53	0	0
7:31 - 8:30	2234	1859	287	198	0	0
Total	3351	2834	376	251	0	0
16:00 - 17:00	4053	2858	930	279	0	0
17:01 - 18:00	1913	1227	495	167	0	0
Total	5966	4085	1425	446	0	0

Meridian Redi-Ride Ridership August 2018 through August 2023

Time	Trips Booked	Taken	Cancel	No-Shows	Cap-Denials	Refusals
14:00-15:00	8936	7134	2189	577	17	4
15:01-16:00	11203	8506	1963	696	40	9
Total	20139	15640	4152	1273	57	13

Merdian Redi-Ride Ridership (Actual Rides)

May, 2020 through August, 2023

<u>Month</u>	<u>Rides</u>	<u>Month</u>	<u>Rides</u>
May, 2020	352	January, 2022	1695
June, 2020	559	February, 2022	1078
July, 2020	728	March, 2022	1214
August, 2020	874	April, 2022	1217
September, 2020	839	May, 2022	1147
October, 2020	633	June, 2022	1153
November, 2020	555	July, 2022	986
December, 2020	671	August, 2022	1115
January, 2021	565	September, 2022	1023
February, 2021	586	October, 2022	1105
March, 2021	792	November, 2022	1213
April, 2021	862	December, 2022	1222
May, 2021	913	January, 2023	1238
June, 2021	920	February, 2023	1043
July, 2021	941	March, 2023	1130
August, 2021	947	April, 2023	1075
September, 2021	1101	May, 2023	1196
October, 2021	1017	June, 2023	1101
November, 2021	1102	July, 2023	993
December, 2021	1116	August, 2023	1070



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To: Transportation Commission

**From: Dan Opsommer, Deputy Township Manager
Director of Public Works and Engineering**

Date: September 14, 2023

Re: 2023 and 2024 Local Road Program Update

The fourth year of the 10-year, voter-approved program is well underway. The goal of the program is to raise the average Pavement Surface Evaluation and Rating (PASER) of our 153-mile local road system to a “good” condition (8/10 on the PASER rating).

In 2019, when we proposed the new road millage, our average PASER rating was 4.48. At the end of 2023, our average PASER rating is projected to be 5.423, over a 21% increase in the first four years of the 10-year local road program.

Currently, the 8.86 miles of resurfacing and reconstruction is about 75% complete. Thanks to the Township Board’s generous support with \$2 million in American Rescue Plan (ARP) funding, we were able to:

1. Add Wellington Estates (1.03 miles) to our 2022 contract. Construction occurred in June and July of 2023 at 2022 contract rates.
2. Prevent eliminating any of the 2022 roads after our asphalt prices increased by 55% due to the inflation caused by all of the one-time federal infrastructure funding.
3. Fund a significant portion of the 7.3 miles of “chip & fog” overlay paving.
4. Add a portion of Northview Drive just south of Grand River Avenue that was going to be left in poor condition based on the scope of the Daniels Drain project. This paving has not been completed yet due to an unrelated issue that the Ingham County Drain Commissioner’s Office is working through on the Daniels Drain project.



Memo to Township Board
September 14, 2023
Re: 2023 and 2024 Local Road Program Update

2023 Preventative Maintenance Road Projects

We have completed all 3.95 miles of crack seal work and 14.27 miles of asphalt rejuvenator treatments to extend the life of the roads in fair, good, and excellent condition.

By the end of 2023, we will have reconstructed 32 miles of our poorest condition roads and will have completed over 47 miles of preventative maintenance road work.

Funding for the 2023 local road budget is provided by four main sources: the 2019 road bond proceeds (\$5,468,000), a transfer from the general fund (\$280,000), contribution from Ingham County (\$335,000), and American Rescue Plan (ARP) funding (\$700,000).

[Click here for the most current construction updates for the 2023 Local Road Program.](#)

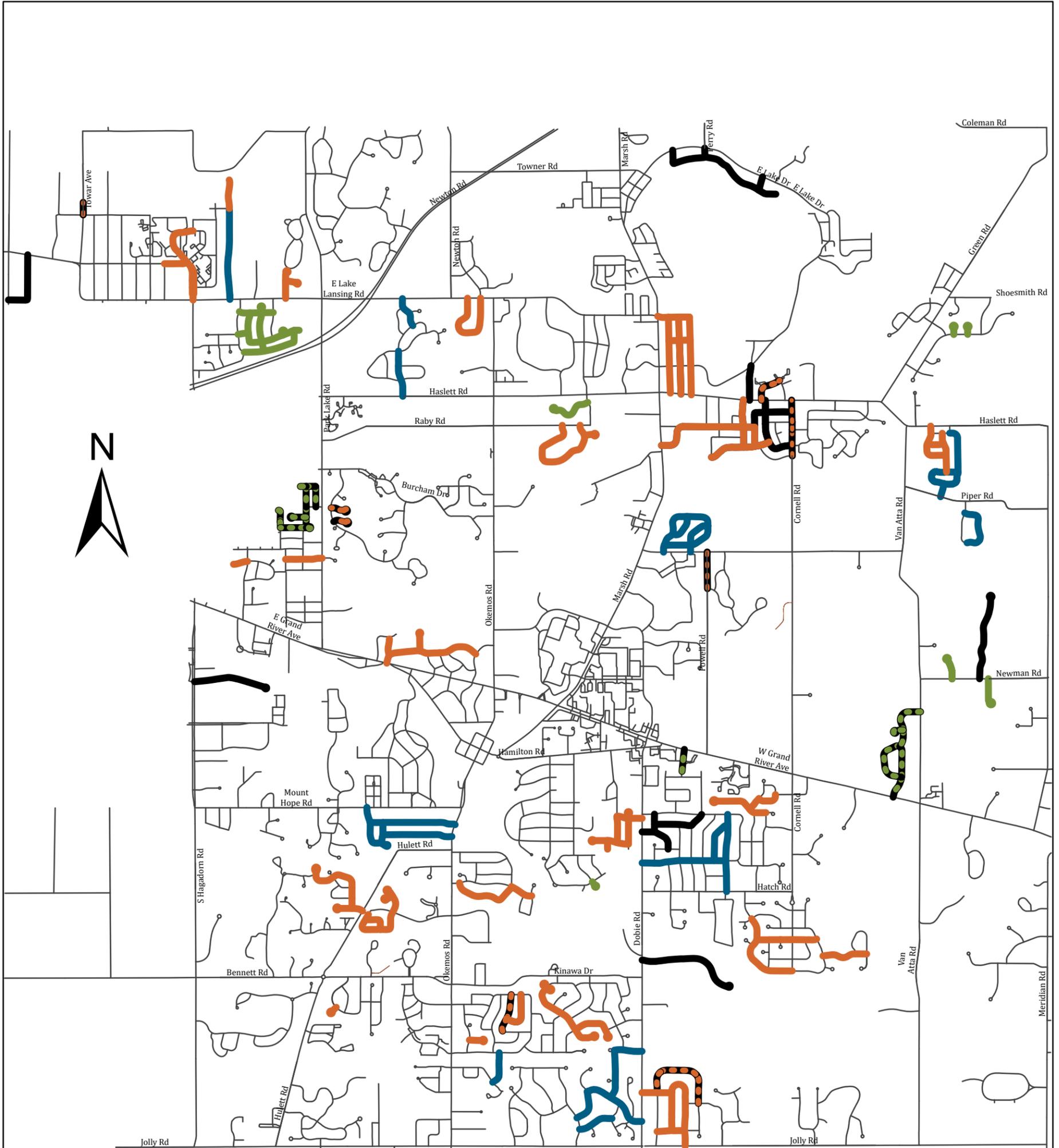
2024 Local Road Program Projects

We are in the process of engineering the Township's 2024 local road program, which includes 6.32 miles of reconstruction, 3-5 miles of crack sealing, and 14 miles of asphalt rejuvenator treatments. We will be putting the 2024 roads out to bid in January of 2024. The final 2024 local road program list will be announced in March.

Attachments:

1. 2023 Local Road Program Construction Map

MERIDIAN TOWNSHIP 2023 LOCAL ROAD PROGRAM



Legend	
	2023 Overlay (7.29 mi)
	2023 Crack Fill (3.94 mi)
	2023 Asphalt Rejuvenator (14.27 mi)
	2023 Crushing (3.54 mi)
	2023 Milling (2.36 mi)
	2022 Resurfacing (2.96 mi)



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
August 24, 2023

CONTACT: Dan Opsommer, Deputy Township Manager
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**Meridian Township Announces Updates Regarding Ongoing 2023
MSU to Lake Lansing Trail Construction**

Phase I to be completed by October or November of 2023

Meridian Township, MI – Meridian Township currently anticipates that Phase I construction of the MSU to Lake Lansing Trail will be completed in October or November of 2023. Phase I construction began in December of 2022 and was initially anticipated to be completed in September of 2023.

Construction of Phase II, which was originally anticipated to begin in March or April, will begin in late August. We currently anticipate that Phase II construction will be completed by June of 2024.

The project schedules for Phase I and Phase II construction were impacted by delays the Township experienced in obtaining state permits.

“After many years of hard work to acquire the land, secure the necessary funding, and design the MSU to Lake Lansing Trail, we are very excited to announce that we will be constructing Phase I in 2023, with completion of Phase II in early 2024,” said Township Senior Project Engineer Nyal Nunn. “Once Phases I and II are completed, users will have an easy, safe, and enjoyable option for non-motorized travel between the MSU Campus and Lake Lansing Park South, along approximately five miles of connected pathways and trails.”

Phase I is approximately one mile long and starts on the north side of the Hagadorn Road and Shaw Street intersection and concludes at the Grand River Avenue and Park Lake Road intersection. Phase I includes a pedestrian bridge that will take motorists and bicyclists over the Red Cedar River behind the MSU Community Music School. The trail will then take users along the banks of the Red Cedar River to the north side of the CN Railroad tracks.

The estimated cost of construction for Phase I is \$3.37 million. Meridian Township successfully obtained a \$1.7 million federal Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) grant for Phase I. The remaining portion of the project will be funded by the Ingham County Trails and Parks Millage and the Township Pathway Millage.

Phase II is 1.2 miles long and begins near the Grand River Avenue and Campus Hill Drive intersection and concludes near the Okemos Road and Gaylord C. Smith Court intersection. Pedestrians and bicyclists will use the Township’s existing pathway system to get from the Grand River Avenue and Park Lake Road intersection, where Phase I ends, to the Grand River Avenue and Campus Hill Drive intersection, where Phase II begins.

The estimated cost of construction for Phase II is \$730,000. This phase is funded by the Ingham County Trails and Parks Millage and the Township Pathway Millage.

The community of Meridian Township is in close proximity to the Michigan State Capitol and Michigan State University. The Township serves the community through exceptional services, beneficial amenities and an outstanding quality of life. It is a welcoming community that celebrates quality education, recreation and lifestyles.





FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
August 24, 2023

CONTACT: Dan Opsommer, Deputy Township Manager
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From the northern end of Phase II on Okemos Road, users will be able to use the existing 10-foot-wide pathway on the east side of Okemos Road to the inter-urban pathway. The Township widened this half-mile stretch of the Okemos Road pathway for the MSU to Lake Lansing Trail in 2021. Users can then take the existing 1.1-mile inter-urban trail from Okemos Road to Marsh Road.

The Township will also begin working on the design and engineering of Phase III in 2023. This is the final phase of the MSU to Lake Lansing Trail and will provide a trail route from Marsh Road, just south of Haslett Road, all the way to Green Road in the northeast corner of the Township.

“Once all three phases are completed, the MSU to Lake Lansing Trail will provide residents with approximately 6.75 miles of trail system, which will enhance the region’s trail system by connecting to the MSU and Lansing River Trails,” said Township Engineer Younes Ishraidi. “We can’t wait to celebrate the opening of Phases I and II with the community.”

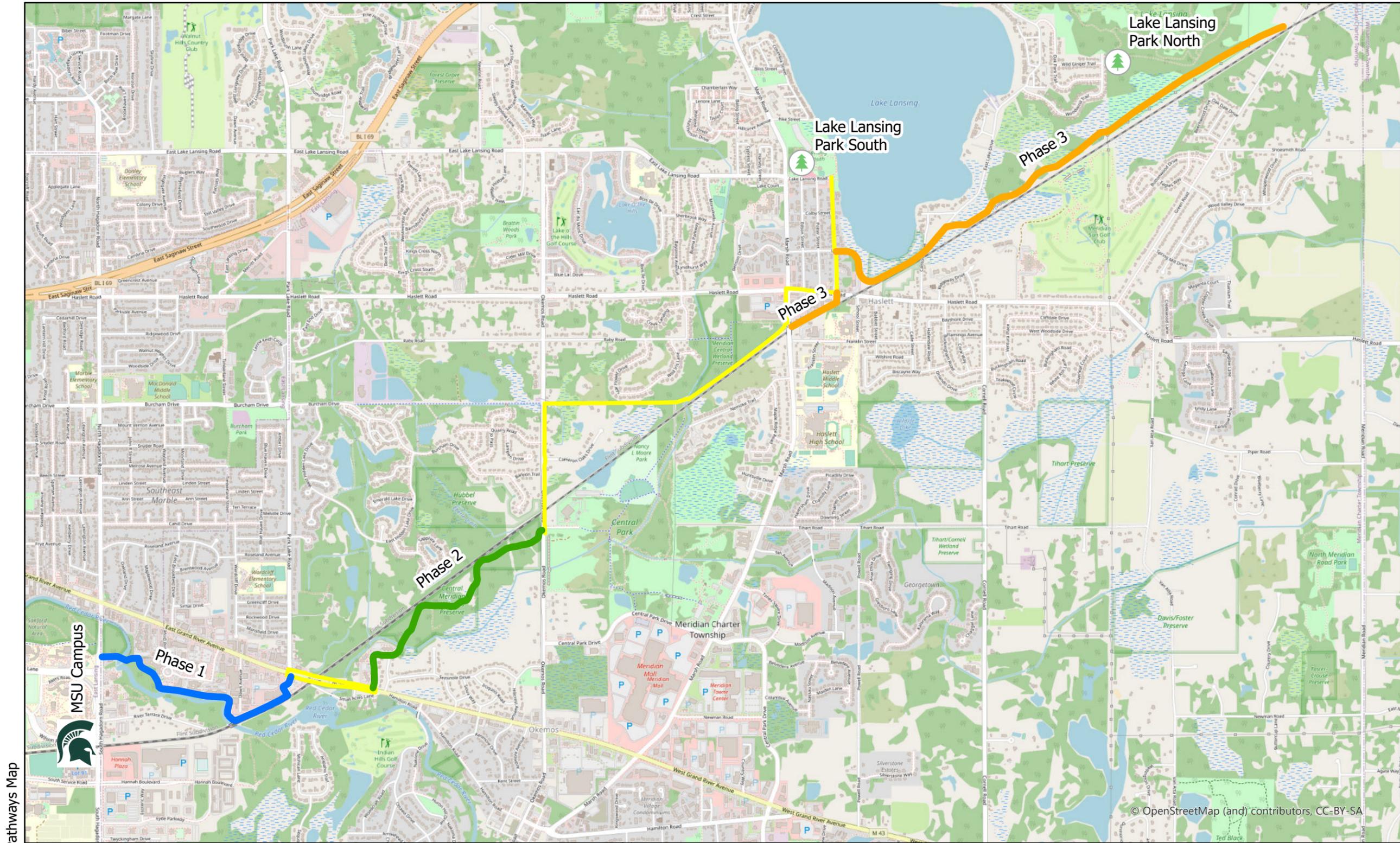
For more information, contact the Department of Public Works at 517.853.4440 or email dpw@meridian.mi.us. Attached to this release is a map of the MSU to Lake Lansing Trail Construction Schedule.

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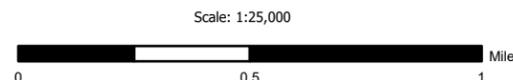
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MSU to Lake Lansing Trail Construction Schedule



Pathways Map



Phase I: Construction anticipated to be completed in October-November of 2023. 1 mile:
 Begins on the north side of Hagadorn and Shaw Ln Intersection and concludes at the Grand River Ave/Park Lake Rd Intersection.

Phase II: Construction anticipated to be completed by June 2024. 1.2 miles: Begins near the Grand River Ave/Campus Hill Dr intersection and concludes near the Okemos Rd & Gaylord Smith Cr intersection.

Phase III: Design will begin in 2024. Construction timelines will be announced at a later date. 2.3 miles: Begins on Marsh Rd, just south of Haslett Rd, and concludes near Green Rd in the NE corner of the Township.

 Existing rails and pathways that are a part of the MSU to Lake Lansing Trail
 Parks

Questions?
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 dpw@meridian.mi.us
 Updated: 8/23/2023



To: Transportation Commission

From: Brian Shorkey, AICP, Senior Planner

Date: September 21, 2023

Re: Neighborhood Lighting

At a past meeting, the Transportation Commission discussed the issue of neighborhood lighting. This conversation was later picked up by the Planning Commission during the writing of the draft Master Plan.

At their regular meeting on September 5, 2023, the Board of Trustees authorized the draft Master Plan to be distributed for the required 63-day review after being forward by the Planning Commission at their meeting on August 28, 2023. The issue of neighborhood lighting was brought up again at that meeting and Staff said that they would continue researching the issue and recommend language at the end of the review period.

Because the draft Master Plan is within the required 63-day review window, and because the Transportation Commission has discussed neighborhood lighting before, Planning Staff thought it would be useful to offer the Transportation Commission an opportunity to weigh in on the issue of neighborhood lighting more formally. Staff suggests the following amendment to an existing objective, under the goal of Maintain Outstanding Public Services (additional text in **bold**):

Recommended Objective

Enhance public safety during development design to ensure that CPTED principles are met, **including the provision of streetlights in new and existing neighborhoods.**

The entire draft Master Plan can be found at www.meridian.mi.us/MasterPlan.