

BIG BEAVER ROAD TO BE CLOSED FOR UTILITY RELOCATION/RECONSTRUCTION/REPAVING

The Road Commission for Oakland County (RCOC) will reconstruct Big Beaver Road from east of Woodward to the west side of Adams Road in Bloomfield Township and Birmingham.

The road will be closed for this project. The closure is expected to begin approximately March 1 when utility companies begin relocating their service lines.

PROJECT DETAILS:

This section of Big Beaver will be completely reconstructed and repaved with asphalt. A center, left-turn lane will be added between Woodward and Brookdale. The rest will remain two lanes.

The project includes the replacement of the dual culverts that carry the Rouge River under Big Beaver. They will be replaced with a single box culvert.

During the road construction, Grand Trunk Western Railroad will also perform minor repairs on the railroad overpass bridge.

IMPACT ON TRAFFIC

The road will be closed to through traffic throughout the project. Access to all homes and businesses within the construction area will be maintained at all times, though the road will be completely closed at the Rouge River.

During the project, the detour route for through traffic will be Woodward Ave. to Long Lake Road to Adams Road and back to Big Beaver and vice versa.

Also during the project, Ivy Lane, north of Big Beaver between Adams and Kensington roads, will be closed to through traffic as well.



SCHEDULE:

Utility relocation work is expected to start on approximately March 1, at which point the road will close. The utility work is expected to last until approximately May 31.

The reconstruction will start after the utility relocation and will continue through the fall.

Big Beaver is expected to reopen in late October.

COST/FUNDING

The project is expected to cost approximately \$4.4 million and will be funded through the Michigan Local Bridge program and the federal National Highway Performance Program (NHPP), with the Road Commission contributing the local match.

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