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Draft 2021-2025 SIP now available for review



The Ottawa County Road Commission is pleased to present the draft of the latest Road Commission transportation plan: the Draft 2021-2025 Strategic Improvement Plan (SIP).

This plan is based on an annual review of the county road assets in order to identify improvement needs, and determine economical methods to finance improvement and

maintenance projects.

The review of these assets helps determine the appropriate replacement, repair and preventative maintenance methods to be incorporated into the SIP.

The Draft 2021–2025 SIP contains the following categories — Road Improvements, Preventative Maintenance Treatments, and Drainage Improvements — along with project lists and cost estimates of recommended projects based on available resources, anticipated revenues, funding opportunities, and transportation infrastructure needs.

Before the Draft 2021-2025 SIP is finalized, it is vital to the process to gather input and comments about the proposed projects within this draft plan from our local governmental partners and the general public. Please submit your comments to BALaughlin@ottawacore.com by September 1, 2020. Your comments are encouraged and greatly appreciated and encouraged.

If you have any questions or require additional information, contact our office at 616–842–5400.

The skinny on seal coat surfacing (chip seal)



Seal Coat Surfacing (also known as a Chip Seal) is a perfect tool for pavement preventive maintenance.

Seal coats provide a quick, reliable and economical surface treatment that will seal out the damaging effect of water, help to increase skid resistance, improve aesthetics and delineation, and provide

a new wearing surface to protect the pavement for years to come.

In a single seal coat surfacing process, an asphalt binder is sprayed onto the existing pavement and immediately covered by a single layer of uniformly sized aggregate.

The new chip sealed surface is then rolled to seal the aggregate to the oil and then swept.

After a few weeks the area is swept again, then a fog sealant (a black emulsion) is placed over the stone surface, and road pavement markings are painted.

Additional Information

Interested in learning more about how the seal coat process works? The Ottawa County Road Commission has put together a video that shows the steps in the process.



To watch the video, visit our website, and then click the “Roads 101 Videos” link on the top right corner of our website.

Watch for deer all year, and don't veer

You might think that late fall/early winter are the prime times for vehicle-deer crashes.

But in Michigan in 2019, the months with the most deer-involved crashes were November, October, December and June.

That's right - during the month of June 2019, Michigan reported more than 4,400 deer-vehicle crashes.

Vehicle-deer crashes deserve the attention of the motoring public. Every year in Michigan, vehicle-deer crashes take the lives of drivers and/or their passengers.

- These crashes also cause thousands of severe injuries and result in hundreds of millions of dollars in damages.
- About 48,000 vehicle-deer crashes occur each year in Michigan. As many as half of all vehicle-deer crashes may not be reported, so the actual number is likely much greater.
- The deer herd is 1.8 million strong.
- The largest number of deer crashes occur in autumn.
- Vehicle-deer crashes are a \$130 million a year problem in Michigan, and the average crash results in insurance claims of \$4,300.



Independence Day office hours reminder

Our office will be closed July 3rd in observance of Independence Day



Have a safe and fun holiday!



Important Dates:

July 3, 2020 | Office closed in observance of Independence Day

July 16, 2020 | 9 a.m. | Board Meeting

July 30, 2020 | 9 a.m. | Board Meeting



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