

November 28, 2017

The Board of County Road Commissioners met in the Road Commission offices for Public Hearings pursuant to Michigan Act 150, Public Acts 1976 of the State of Michigan for the purpose of discussing the **proposed improvements to 13 Mile Road** from Kenowa Avenue to Pine Island Drive in Sparta Township and **10 Mile Road** from Alpine Avenue to Pine Island Drive in Algoma, Alpine, Plainfield, and Sparta Townships.

The Public Hearings were called to order by Commissioner Rambo, Chairman at 7:00 o'clock p.m.

Present: Commissioners Rambo, Malone, and Medema, Managing Director Warren, Deputy Managing Director - Engineering Harrall, Project Engineer TenBrock, and Executive Secretary Diane Martin.

Chairman Rambo welcomed everyone and introduced the Road Commission Board members. He stated the purpose of the Public Hearing was to receive comments and questions from the public regarding the proposed construction on these primary roads. Chairman Rambo asked everyone to sign in on the attendance sheet. When making a comment, he asked that everyone identify themselves by stating their name and address. He explained that no decision will be made at the Public Hearing; a decision will be made at a future regular Board meeting. The decision would first be considered at the Board of Road Commissioners' meeting on Tuesday, December 12, 2017 at 8:00 o'clock a.m. in the Road Commission offices, 1500 Scribner Avenue, NW, Grand Rapids, Michigan. He added that Staff would be available to meet with residents on an individual basis to answer detailed questions after the Hearings.

The following were present for the **Public Hearing on 13 Mile Road.**

Name	Address
Keith Beuschel	3420 – 13 Mile Road
Greg & Shelley Peak	4504 – 13 Mile Road, NW
Greg & Raneer' Harrington	21659 Kenowa Avenue

Chairman Rambo asked Deputy Managing Director - Engineering Harrall to review the proposed construction. Deputy Managing Director Harrall stated the proposed improvement of 2.00 miles of 13 Mile Road from Kenowa Avenue to Peach Ridge Avenue in Sections 17, 18, 19, and 20, Sparta Township includes necessary tree removal, earthwork, drainage, subbase, aggregate base, and construction to provide for a two-lane all-season roadway with ditches, HMA surfacing, and restoration. He stated the total cost of the project is \$2,400,000.00. Federal funds are available in the amount of \$1,425,000.00, and the Road Commission's share is \$975,000.00. If the project is approved, construction is estimated to begin in April 2018.

Deputy Managing Director Harrall stated the work will be completed in phases to better maintain two-way paved access to residents and businesses as long as practical. When using Federal funds, tree removal must be completed by April 1st. If the project is approved, tree removal will be done first. The contractor will work on the section between Kenowa Avenue and Fruit Ridge Avenue first followed by the section from Fruit Ridge Avenue to Peach Ridge Avenue.

Staff held an informational meeting on July 26, 2017 at the Sparta Township Hall. Four residents attended representing two properties within the project limits. The attendees supported the project. Comments and concerns received included the following:

- Proposed construction start date and estimated project duration
- Property access during construction
- Tree and vegetation removal questions
- Questions on proposed grade improvements to improve sight distance
- Comments related to existing drainage

Chairman Rambo opened the meeting for comments.

Greg Peek – 4505 – 13 Mile Road, NW stated Consumers Energy recently came through and cut trees and vegetation. He does not think the project is necessary and named other roads in the area that he feels are in more need of improvement. He was told by someone that the improvement was to serve bike riders which he said 13 Mile Road was not a good road for biking. Improving the road would make it even worse because the traffic speeds would increase.

Mr. Peek stated the only trucks using 13 Mile Road at this time are farm related trucks. With the improvements, he feels more truck traffic will use 13 Mile Road.

He is also concerned about the drainage as his property sits below the road and floods now.

Mr. Peek reiterated that he did not see the need for the project and he is against it.

Chairman Rambo thanked all those in attendance for the Hearing on 13 Mile Road and stated those who were in attendance for the Hearing on 13 Mile Road were welcome to stay for the next Public Hearing or they could leave if they wanted. The decision will be made at a future regular Board meeting that is held at the Road Commission offices, and begins at 8:00 o'clock a.m. on the second and fourth Tuesday

of the month. It is an open meeting, and the public is invited. Anyone is welcome to call the offices to see if it will be on agenda.

There being no further comments or questions to come before the Board, the Hearing was adjourned at 6:43 o'clock p.m.

The following were present for the **Public Hearing on 10 Mile Road.**

Name	Address
Gary Beemer	456 – 10 Mile Road NW
Dan & Nancy Burns	500 – 10 Mile Road NE
Joel Greene	3261 Brook Hollow NE
Jason Kalis	8989 North Division Avenue
Devin & Emily Milligan	20 – 10 Mile Road NW
Lori Mulrey	1084 – 10 Mile Road NE
Ralph & Lynn Simone	15 – 10 Mile Road NW
Kyle Wilson	725 – 10 Mile Road NE

Chairman Rambo asked Deputy Managing Director - Engineering Harrall to review the proposed construction. Deputy Managing Director Harrall stated the proposed improvement of approximately 2.00 miles of 10 Mile Road from Alpine Avenue to Pine Island Avenue, Section 31, Algoma Township, Section 1, Alpine Township, Section 6, Plainfield Township, and Section 36, Sparta Township includes tree removal, removing existing asphalt pavement, earthwork, sand subbase and aggregate base, asphalt pavement, ditching, concrete curb and gutter, and restoration in order to construct a two-lane all-weather roadway. He stated the total cost of the project is \$2,000,000.00. Federal funds are available in the amount of \$1,500,000.00, and the Road Commission's share is \$500,000.00. If the project is approved, construction is estimated to begin in April 2018.

Deputy Managing Director Harrall stated through traffic will be detoured and local traffic will be maintained for the duration of the project. The project will be phased to reduce the portion of roadway under construction at any one time. This may be in half-

mile to one mile segments. When using Federal funds, tree removal must be completed by April 1st. If the project is approved, tree removal will be done first. The contractor is required to maintain access to homes, businesses, and properties at all times, however this may be on a gravel or unpaved surface at times. Some alternate access arrangement may be made by the contractor and property owner in order to accommodate installation of drainage and road bed materials.

Staff held an informational meeting on May 31, 2017 at the Sparta Airport. Twenty-six residents attended representing twenty-four properties within the project limits. The majority of the attendees supported the project. Comments and concerns received included the following:

- Proposed construction start date and estimated project duration
- Property access during construction
- Questions related to tree removal and the desire to save certain trees
- Questions regarding existing intersection at Alpine Avenue and Pine Island Drive
- Limits of the proposed work
- Comments related to existing and proposed drainage

Chairman Rambo opened the meeting for comments.

Dan Burns – 500 – 10 Mile Road, NE stated Consumers Energy recently came through and did tree trimming and removal. He recently saw a survey crew checking elevations by their driveway. He wondered if anything would be done with the hills and valleys so he and his family can get in and out of their driveway easier.

Deputy Managing Director Harrall stated part of the plan for 10 Mile Road was to cut some of the hills and raise some of the low areas. Mr. Burns can talk to Staff after the meeting for particulars.

Nancy Burns – 500 – 10 Mile Road, NE wondered how local residents will deal with the detours.

Deputy Managing Director Harrall stated residents of that portion of 10 Mile Road will always have access although they may need to come from a different direction depending on what is being done on that day. Emergency vehicles will also have access.

Jason Kalis – 8989 North Division Avenue stated that when other road work was being done, traffic on the detours were driving very fast and the roads were not in the best of shape. He stated people fly through the area.

Deputy Managing Director Harrall stated that Staff will drive the detour route and make repairs as necessary. People familiar with the area will not necessarily drive the detour route and will find their own detours.

Mr. Kalis asked about the timeline. Deputy Managing Director Harrall stated that because this project was very involved with the driveways, etc., it may take longer than the projected six months. Staff will post the detour in April and continue to monitor those roads.

Kyle Wilson – 725 – 10 Mile Road NE asked about the mailboxes. He stated he has lost a mailbox before. Deputy Managing Director Harrall stated the United States Postal Service will determine the location(s) of the mailboxes during construction to accommodate delivery during construction and Staff will let the residents know as soon as they make the determination.

Devin Milligan – 20 – 10 Mile Road NW stated there are some trees in their yard that they do not want to lose as they help protect their yard. Deputy Managing

Director Harrall stated he could talk with Staff after the meeting to see if the trees will be taken down.

Chairman Rambo thanked all those in attendance for the Hearing on 10 Mile Road and stated the decision will be made at a future regular Board meeting that is held at the Road Commission offices, and begins at 8:00 o'clock a.m. on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month. It is an open meeting, and the public is invited. Anyone is welcome to call the offices to see if it will be on agenda.

There being no further comments or questions to come before the Board, the Hearing was adjourned at 7:02 o'clock p.m.