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## **Northwestern Connector Project Progresses**

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### **Roundabout at 14 Mile Road and Farmington Road is under construction**

*By Aram Kalousdian, Editor – Michigan Contractor and Builder, 10/6/2008*

An approximately \$3.7-million roundabout under construction at 14 Mile Road and Farmington Road on the Farmington Hills and West Bloomfield Township, MI, border is part of the Northwestern Connector project, which involves the construction of eight modern roundabouts along Orchard Lake Road, Maple Road and 14 Mile Road, as well as road widenings in Oakland County, MI. Two of the roundabouts have been completed at Maple Road and Drake Road, and Maple Road and Farmington Road.

C&G Myers, of Milford, MI, is the prime contractor for the 14 Mile Road and Farmington Road roundabout. The approaches to the roundabout will be two lanes, and the roundabout will consist of three lanes.

The project includes 4,400 tons of 2C hot mix asphalt (HMA) base course; 3,400 tons of 3C HMA leveling course; 2,300 tons of 4C HMA wear course; approximately 1,200 square yards of 6-inch non-reinforced concrete; 692 square yards of 10-inch non-reinforced concrete; 746 feet of 54-inch concrete storm sewer; and 100 feet of 24-inch storm sewer. A water main meter vault and a pressure-reducing vault are also being installed. The project began in July and it is expected to be substantially completed in November, with final completion in March 2009.

"The challenges on this project are with the water main work. These meter pits and pressure-reducing vaults are 10- to 12-week lead items, so we're really going to be struggling late this year to get it completed," Steve Rooker, project manager for C&G Myers, said.

Subcontractors on the project include Cadillac Asphalt and Goretski Construction, of Milford (concrete curb, gutter, and miscellaneous concrete). Orchard, Hiltz & McCliment (OHM) is the consulting engineering firm for the water main, and DLZ did the road design.

**Project:** Roundabout construction at 14 Mile Road and Farmington Road on the Farmington Hills and West Bloomfield Township, MI, border

**Prime contractor:** C&G Myers, of Milford, MI

**Cost:** Approximately \$3.7 million

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