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14 Mile/Farmington roundabout work starts July 7

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The Road Commission for Oakland County expects to begin work Monday, July 7 on the reconstruction of the intersection of 14 Mile and Farmington roads, on the Farmington Hills/West Bloomfield Township border, as a modern roundabout.

ADVERTISEMENT Farmington Road will be closed at the north side of the 14 Mile intersection beginning July 10. It is already closed on the south side of the intersection due to the City of Farmington Hills' resurfacing project on Farmington Road between 13 Mile and 14 Mile.

Farmington Road will remain closed at 14 Mile throughout the roundabout project, which is expected to be completed Nov. 1. The detour route for Farmington Road through traffic is 13 Mile Road to Drake Road to Maple Road and vice versa.

During the roundabout project, 14 Mile Road will remain open through the intersection, but motorists should expect intermittent delays. Access will be maintained to all businesses at the intersection.

In addition to the resurfacing project on Farmington Road between 13 Mile and 14 Mile, the City of Farmington Hills is widening 14 Mile Road from two lanes to three between Orchard Lake Road and Drake Road.

RCOC and the city coordinated the work, so that residents and businesses in the 14 Mile/Farmington area would be inconvenienced only once. The city projects are expected to be completed at the end of August.

The 14 Mile/Farmington roundabout is part of the Northwestern Connector project, a multi-jurisdictional effort to improve the flow of traffic between the point where Northwestern Highway ends at Orchard Lake Road and M-5. The project involves the construction of eight modern roundabouts, two of which have already been built at Maple and Drake and at Maple and Farmington. "The construction of a modern roundabout at this intersection is expected to improve traffic flow and virtually eliminate serious-injury accidents," said RCOC Managing Director Brent Bair. "We expect to see the same level of traffic flow improvements at this intersection that we have seen at the two nearby roundabouts on Maple Road."

The project will be constructed by the C & G Myers Company of Milford at a cost of approximately \$4.26 million, not including the cost of right of way acquisition. For more information about roundabouts, visit the RCOC Web site,

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