



November 15, 2023

RE: Meridian Township Local Roads Program

Dear Resident:

We are writing to inform you that the resurfacing of Linden St and Timberlane St have been delayed until the spring of 2024 due to weather delays. Opening roads up (i.e. removing all of the existing asphalt) this late in the year can be very problematic if the soils get wet and the temperatures drop, especially when there is clay in the soils that will delay how quickly the soils dry out. Knowing that there is clay in the soils, and given that rain was forecasted on Monday, November 6 and Wednesday, November 8, the Township canceled the milling (i.e. removal of existing asphalt) that was scheduled on Monday (11/6). Unfortunately, we were not able to find a viable schedule that worked for the contractor and current weather forecasts.

Therefore, we are rescheduling the milling and paving of Linden St and Timberlane St to 2024. We will mail a letter in March or April of 2024 with an updated road construction schedule. Asphalt plants close down until mid-May, so the earliest that road construction will resume would be late April or early May. Our road contractors will be returning in the next two weeks to close the roads up with temporary asphalt and to raise the manholes back up for the winter. The roads will also be swept again after this work is completed.

The Township will also be completing the installation of new water main next year. This year we installed the new water main under the roads and sidewalks. Now that the Township water main and the Ingham County Drain Office's storm sewer work under the road is complete, the road paving will not be delayed in the spring.

You will receive a letter regarding the road paving and the 2024 water main work prior to work beginning, as well as notices on your mailbox or your newspaper slot for every scheduled water shutoff.

Schedule for final work this year: One day will be required to raise the manholes, another day to prepare for paving, and a third day to install the temporary asphalt.

As mentioned previously, traffic will be able to get to and from their destinations at almost all times depending on exactly where work is occurring at the given time. **However, immediately after the asphalt is placed there will be a short period, typically around one (1) hour, while the asphalt is compacted and allowed to cool, and you will be asked not to drive across. In this instance, you will need to park on a street that does not have asphalt cooling and walk to your home.**

Please do not go around barricades and traffic control personnel - it is very important to protect the new asphalt during this cooling period. This is also important to ensure you do not get tack coat (tar) on your vehicle. If there are any issues involving access, there will always be an inspector onsite from Mannik & Smith Group, typically in a white truck with the company name and logo on it, who can assist you. Please just approach the inspector and let them know, and they can help you navigate the site.

Be advised: new asphalt is VERY HOT when first placed. This is why it must cool prior to vehicles being allowed on the new surface. Additionally, it is potentially dangerous for humans and animals to walk on the new surface before it cools sufficiently. While paving work is taking place, please ask one of the nearby construction workers before walking or driving on the new asphalt. This is for your own safety as well as for the integrity of the new road.

While representatives for Mannik & Smith and Capital Asphalt will be onsite during construction, **please submit any questions or concerns directly to Meridian Township at dpw@meridian.mi.us or 517.853.4440.** Although field representatives are able to answer questions, they will not be able to authorize changes to the plans or add additional work.

We sincerely apologize in advance for any inconvenience caused by the construction, and we truly appreciate your patience and understanding while we work to improve your neighborhood and our entire community.