

MEMORANDUM



TO: VICTOR CARDENAS, CITY MANAGER
FROM: JEFFREY HERCZEG, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS
SUBJECT: RCOC BIENNIAL STRATEGIC PLANNING AND AGENCY COORDINATION
DATE: JUNE 29, 2023

On June 6, 2023, city staff met with the Road Commission for Oakland County (RCOC) executive team for Novi's biennial Strategic Planning Meeting (summary attached). Discussions included:

Progress on RCOC Road Projects:

10 Mile Road Rehabilitation and Improvements, Meadowbrook Road to Haggerty Road

Project includes removal and replacement of two culverts under the road addition of a continuous left turn lane, repairs to curb and gutter, sidewalk improvements, traffic signal upgrades and watermain replacement. Progress is ahead of schedule and is expected to be completed by late summer.

Novi Road Rehabilitation, 9 Mile Road to 10 Mile Road

Removal and replacement of three culverts under Novi Road extension of center left-turn lane between Nick Lidstrom Dr. and Little Falls Blvd, paving/drainage/pedestrian improvements, and traffic signal upgrades. Road construction has begun and is expected to be substantially complete by fall.

Novi Transportation Priorities

1. Short Range - 12 Mile Road Widening, Beck Road to Dixon

In preliminary Engineering and Right-of-Way Acquisition (2024)

2. Long Range - Beck Road Widening, 8 Mile to Grand River

In Environmental Assessment Process

3. Long Range - 8 Mile Road, Center Street to I-275

Address pavement conditions beyond pavement preservation overlay projects

4. Long Range - 10 Mile Road Widening, Napier Road to Haggerty Road

Identified in 2019 Scoping Study for selective operational improvements

RCOC Program Updates

Presentation summary with interactive maps and slides shown during the meeting can be viewed: [here](#)

With the unusual amount of construction in 2023, public perception regarding communication between units and jurisdictions is often questioned. Staff attends the following coordination meetings:

Oakland County Federal Aid Committee (Cities, Villages, Townships)

- Meets quarterly and awards federal funding with fiscal year obligations. Projects can be accelerated or delayed by CVT's voting consensus.

Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) Coordination Oakland County Transportation Service Center (TSC)

- Biannual (fall and spring) Regional Coordination. All jurisdictions are invited to participate in the meeting.

RCOC Strategic Planning (Novi, Northville, RCOC)

- Biennial (every other year), discussed herein.

The overlapping construction in 2023 was the result of several ongoing factors impacting road construction including:

- Delays in project start dates on both RCOC projects (10 Mile and Novi Road) caused by supply chain issues and EGLE restrictions for working in waterways (both projects were scheduled for 2022 construction)
- Fiscal year obligation for Novi limited options to prevent projects overlapping in construction years
- Additional funding for MDOT (96 Flex Route and Rebuild I-696) accelerated project scopes and timelines
- Delayed start and ongoing Great Lakes Water Authority regional redundancy project

While the short-term disruption to Novi is currently exasperated by the above projects, the hundreds of millions of dollars invested in the regional infrastructure is overdue and ultimately a significant benefit to Novi.