

MEMORANDUM



TO: VICTOR CARDENAS, CITY MANAGER
FROM: JEFFREY HERCZEG, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS
SUBJECT: CMAQ GRANT TAFT AND 11 MILE ROUNDABOUT
DATE: FEBRUARY 27, 2025

Mayor and Council –

Please see some great news about the City securing grant dollars for a roundabout at 11 mile and Taft road. The grant award is for 1.4 million dollars.

- Victor

The 11 Mile Road segments from Wixom Road to Clark Street have been in the CIP for several years and were anticipated to be road reconstruction projects. In August of 2024, during the Beck Road Pavement Preservation Overlay (PPO from 9 Mile Road to 11 Mile Road), City Council approved a PPO on 11 Mile Road, between Beck and Taft Roads. Due to the relative location and economy of scale to Beck Road, it made sense to do the projects simultaneously.

Earlier this year, City Council approved another PPO change order on 11 Mile, from Taft Road to Clark Street. The work will be done this spring/summer of 2025. The only remaining 11 Mile Road segment from Wixom Road to Beck Road remains in the CIP as a rehabilitation in FY 27/28.

More recently, the 4-way stop intersection at Taft Road and 11 Mile Road has been evaluated for safety improvements given the proximity to the schools and the complaints regarding traffic flow during school drop off/pick up. Since 11 Mile Road was/will be overlayed, a reconstruction of the intersection would have been a standalone project. Therefore, staff applied for a **Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) Program Grant** from SEMCOG to construct a single lane Roundabout (RAB) at 11 Mile Road and Taft Road.

Staff received notice on February 18th, 2025, the application was approved for **~\$1.4M in FY2027**. The grant covers 100% of construction costs and the city is responsible for design and construction engineering (**~\$500K**). This cost will be split in **FY25/26 (\$250K design and geotechnical investigation) and FY26/27 (\$250K construction engineering and contract administration)**. Staff are adjusting the CIP budget in the Major Road Fund to accommodate the unforeseen cost with little to no impact on fund balance or existing projects in the CIP.

Attached for reference are the program application, construction cost estimate, and design exhibit. Obligation of CMAQ funding is September of 2026 and construction is expected to be in 2027.