



PRESS RELEASE

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SUBJECT: Flood Damage Repair Status for Roads and Bridges in Midland County

The Midland County Road Commission would like to provide an update as to the status of the remaining road and bridge closures and the estimated dates of restoration. We understand the inconvenience these closures create and appreciate your patience as we work with the state and federal government to secure funding to aid in the expense of the repairs.

The flood that occurred on June 23, 2017 caused damages exceeding \$7 million to roads and bridges in Midland County. In order to continue performing regular maintenance such as patching, grading, brining, and snow plowing the Road Commission must be very conscientious about making repairs and the costs associated with them. To date, the Midland County Road Commission has not received any funding or aid from the state or federal government for road and bridge repairs related to the flood. The Road Commission will not receive any aid from FEMA or the State of Michigan Disaster and Emergency Contingency Fund as in both cases the total storm event infrastructure damages did not meet minimum damage threshold amounts.

We are eligible to apply for approximately \$100,000 of state aid grants and we are continually working with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) with the hope of receiving some financial assistance for some of the major federal routes that have been affected. For these locations, all chances for funding will be lost if any permanent repairs are made prior to having the FHWA approval. We have requested emergency contracting procedures from MDOT and FHWA to accelerate four of these projects and at least have them open to traffic in late 2017.

The following is an estimate of when repairs will be completed, all are funding and weather dependent.

- **7 Mile Road Bridge at Tittabawassee River: Cole Road to Saginaw Road**
Damage Repair Needed: *Bridge Approach and Road Washout*
Estimated Temporary Repair Completion: *End of August 2017*
- **8 Mile Road Bridge at Bullock Creek: Mid-Gratiot County Line Road to Redstone Road**
Damage Repair Needed: *Bridge Replacement*
Estimated Repair Completion: *2018-2019 as funding becomes available*

- ***9 Mile Road Bridge at North Branch Carroll Creek: Short Road to Wackerly Road**
 Damage Repair Needed: *Bridge Replacement*
 Estimated Repair Completion: *Summer 2018*

- ***9 Mile Road Bridge at South Branch Carroll Creek: Hines Road to Short Road**
 Damage Repair Needed: *Bridge Replacement*
 Estimated Repair Completion: *Summer 2018*

- **Orr Road Bridge at Jo Drain: Laporte Road to Kent Road**
 Damage Repair Needed: *Bridge Deck Replacement*
 Estimated Repair Completion: *Late 2017*

- ***Poseyville Road Bridge at Jo Drain: Gordonville Road to Brooks Road**
 Damage Repair Needed: *Bridge Deck Replacement*
 Estimated Repair Completion: *Summer 2018*

- ***Shaffer Road Bridge at Bliss Creek: M-18 to Magruder Road**
 Damage Repair Needed: *Culvert Failure requiring Bridge Replacement*
 Estimated Repair Completion: *Summer 2018*

- **Water Road: M-30 to Curtis Road**
 Damage Repair Needed: *Bank Slide and Road Collapse*
 Estimated Repair Completion: *2018-2019 as funding becomes available*

We will continue to update our website and social media when new information is available.

Restoring all roadways and bridges to full operation is our top priority. Thank you again for your understanding and patience.

*We have requested emergency contracting procedures for these four locations. If approved, we hope to have them open to traffic late this fall.

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