

CSAH 14 Microsurfacing – CSAH 14 from Emmons to CSAH 17 will be microsurfaced. A start date for this project is tentatively set for the end of May or early June. When an exact date is known, it will be shared. Work will consist of spreading a “scratch coat” to improve ride and fill voids in the pavement surface. A “finish coat” will then be spread over the entire surface. The result will be an improved ride for users. This treatment is very economical compared to the cost of a more aggressive rehabilitation method like milling and overlay or reconstruction. This pavement surface is planned to last 5-8 years. At that time, a more substantial project will be completed. The project will have flaggers controlling traffic along the project area. Traffic is encouraged to find alternate routes during the work to keep the work area safe and the project progressing efficiently.

CSAH 16 Paving – CSAH 16 south of Twin Lakes to State Line Road will be receiving a mill and overlay. Work will start on this segment on Monday, May 5 weather permitting. The first task will be the excavation and initial layer of new bituminous on the gravel patch located where the cattle pass was removed last fall. Then, on Tuesday May 6 the crew will begin the mill and overlay process. 2” of existing road surface will be removed and 2” of new bituminous will be added back to make a smooth driving surface. This work is a preservation project and will extend the life of the pavement. During the work, the road will be open to traffic but flaggers will be used to control traffic and protect the crew. Drivers are encouraged to find alternate routes during the paving operation to keep the work area safe and the work progressing efficiently. The paving is expected to take three days if all goes well. The crew will return to shoulder, stripe, and complete driveway work.

CSAH 19 Microsurfacing – CSAH 19 (South Shore Drive in Albert Lea) will be microsurfaced near St. Nicholas park and the boat landing. A start date for this project is tentatively set for the end of May or early June. When an exact date is known, it will be shared. This project is taking place to repair road damage that resulted from the force main repairs completed by the City of Albert Lea following flood damage in the summer of 2024. Work will consist of spreading a “scratch coat” to improve ride and fill voids in the pavement surface. A “finish coat” will then be spread over the entire surface. The result will be an improved ride for users. This treatment is very economical compared to the cost of a more aggressive rehabilitation method like milling and overlay or reconstruction. This pavement surface is planned to last 5-8 years. At that time, a more substantial project will be completed. The project will have flaggers controlling traffic along the project area. Traffic is encouraged to find alternate routes during the work to keep the work area safe and the project progressing efficiently.

CSAH 22 (Sibley Avenue) Improvements – This project involves the reconstruction of Sibley Avenue in Albert Lea near the B&B restaurant and Scooters Coffee Shop. A detour of all US Highway 65 (East Main Street) traffic is anticipated to go into place on Monday, May 5 and will last approximately a week. Sibley Avenue will also be closed at this time. This work is necessary to allow replacement of utilities on East Main Street that cannot be completed under traffic. Once this work is finished, East Main Street will be reopened. This is a joint project with the City of Albert Lea. The City of Albert Lea is the main point of contact for this project and is handling daily inspections and project administration. The duration of the work is not known but will likely extend into June and July. During the project Sibley Avenue will be closed and a detour will be in place. Project specific signage will be used to help aid customers who are trying to reach area businesses.

CSAH 26 Paving – CSAH 26 from CSAH 1 to CSAH 13 will be reclaimed and receive a new pavement surface. Milling work was started the week of April 28. Reclamation work will begin on Friday, May 2 and continue on Monday May 5. This means the existing bituminous pavement will be ground up and turned into gravel base material. Then, new bituminous will be placed to make a new pavement surface. Paving is anticipated to start on Monday, May 12 but is dependent upon weather. Total project duration is approximately three weeks.

CSAH 30 Paving and Culvert Replacement – CSAH 30 from CSAH 1 to TH 251 will be reclaimed and receive a new pavement surface. This means the existing bituminous pavement will be ground up and turned into

gravel base material. The new bituminous will be placed to make a new pavement surface. Work on this project is not planned to start until May 19. The project duration will extend for at least a month. A portion of the pavement will be milled off, then the remaining pavement will be turned back to gravel. The surface will be graded and recompacted and the culvert will be replaced between CSAH 46 and CSAH 25. During this time, the segment of road containing the culvert will be closed to traffic. There will be a detour route in place. Once the culvert work is completed, the paving work can start. Paving on this project will take approximately two to three weeks to complete. Then the road will be shouldered and striped.

CSAH 34 Microsurfacing – CSAH 34 from CSAH 46 to TH 251 will be microsurfaced. A start date for this project is tentatively set for the end of May or early June. When an exact date is known, it will be shared. Work will consist of spreading a “scratch coat” to improve ride and fill voids in the pavement surface. A “finish coat” will then be spread over the entire surface. The result will be an improved ride for users. This treatment is very economical compared to the cost of a more aggressive rehabilitation method like milling and overlay or reconstruction. This pavement surface is planned to last 5-8 years. At that time, a more substantial project will be completed. The project will have flaggers controlling traffic along the project area. Traffic is encouraged to find alternate routes during the work to keep the work area safe and the project progressing efficiently.

CSAH 35 Paving – CSAH 35 from CSAH 20 to I-35 will be milled and overlaid. This project is currently being bid. No schedule for this work will be available until after bids have been opened and a construction contract has been signed.

CSAH 48 (Margaretha Avenue in Albert Lea) RR Crossing Improvements – CSAH 48 will be reconstructed near the RR crossing at TH 65. This work will involve the replacement of the road north of 11th Street, the replacement of the RR crossing planks, and the replacement of the RR crossing signals and arms. A project start date has not yet been set as the project is currently being bid. The project will take approximately one month to complete. During this time, the road will be closed to traffic and a detour will be in place.

CR 84 (19th Street on the South side of Albert Lea) – CR 84 between CSAH 18 and TH 65 will be milled and overlaid. This work will take approximately one week to complete. Work on this project will start on Monday, May 5 with the milling of the existing pavement. A paving crew will return on Thursday, May 8 to place the new layer of pavement. The bituminous pavement will be milled and overlaid but there will be no changes to any concrete work in the project area. Access is not anticipated to be restricted and traffic should remain mostly open except for the short period the paving crew is in front of each driveway.

CR 95 Paving – County Road 95 between CSAH 29 and CSAH 10 will be milled and overlaid. The project is currently being bid. No project schedule will be available until after bids are opened and a construction contract has been signed.

CR 113 (Oakland Avenue in Oakland) – CR 113 between CSAH 30 and Moscow Street in Oakland will be milled and overlaid. This work will take approximately one week to complete. A start date for this work has not been set but it is likely to occur in May or early June. The bituminous pavement will be milled and overlaid. The driveway approaches will be graded and bituminous approaches will be added.

Replacement of Bridge L0389 in Oakland Township – A start date for this project has not yet been set. The bridge is located a ¼ mile south of CSAH 19 on 880th Street. The project will take approximately two weeks to complete. The road will be closed during the replacement of the bridge.

Replacement of Culvert on CR 95 – A start date for this project has not yet been set. However, we do not foresee this project starting before June 1. The culvert is located about one mile west of TH 13. The project will take approximately two weeks to complete. The road will be closed during the replacement of the culvert.

County Park Improvements – Work to restore the turf areas adjacent to new concrete and a new pavilion will be starting this weekend. The areas will be prepped, seeded, and have hydro mulch applied to the surface with the hopes of having the lawn areas green very soon.

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