

**CSAH 14 Microsurfacing** – CSAH 14 through Emmons to CSAH 17 will be microsurfaced. The contractor has updated the start date for this project. This project is not expected to start before July 4. 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 was milled and overlaid the week of May 2. Remaining work includes shouldering and intersection work, as well as centerline and edge line striping. The remaining paving at intersections is anticipated to be completed the week of May 12 with no schedule for shouldering or striping at this time. This work is a preservation project and will extend the life of the pavement.

**CSAH 19 Microsurfacing** – CSAH 19 (South Shore Drive in Albert Lea) will be microsurfaced near St. Nicholas Park and the boat landing. The contractor has updated the start date for this project. This project is not expected to start before July 4. 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 went into place on May 2 and will remain in place until approximately Wednesday, May 14 due to excavation work occurring at the intersection of East Main Street and Sibley. Once that work is finished, East Main Street will be restored and opened back up to traffic. The target for the road opening is Thursday, May 15. Sibley Avenue will remain closed until the completion of all underground utilities. 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.

**CSAH 26 Paving** – CSAH 26 from CSAH 1 to CSAH 13 has been reclaimed and will receive a new pavement surface starting Monday, May 12. Paving is expected to take the entire week of May 12. Shouldering, driveway, and intersections will all occur after the mainline is completed. Work on the project will continue over the next 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. The contractor has started milling work on the south end of the project off of CSAH 1 on May 9. The crew expects to mill approximately two miles per day. Milling will continue throughout the week of May 12 and reclaiming on the south end of the road will also start on May 12. Reclaiming includes the pulverizing and incorporation of the existing bituminous into the underlying gravel and creating a new aggregate base material. The road will be graded and recompacted and will be set for paving the following week. This project will be completed in segments. The milling machine will proceed north. Followed by the reclaiming operation. Finally the paving operation will place blacktop. This process will continue north until

work on the bridge between CSAH 25 and CSAH 46 begins. At that time, road work will likely pause until the bridge is completed. The road will be closed in the area of the bridge during work to replace the bridge. A detour will be in place. Then the process will start again north of CSAH 46. The timeline for this project is less certain. For the portion of the project south of CSAH 46, expect work to take approximately three weeks. Once work starts north of CSAH 46, expect that portion of the project to take at least one month.

**CSAH 34 Microsurfacing** – CSAH 34 from CSAH 46 to TH 251 will be microsurfaced. The contractor has updated the start date for this project. This project is not expected to start before July 4. 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 awaiting award to Ulland Brothers. No schedule for this work will be available until after a construction contract has been signed. Look for further updates the week of May 26 (Memorial holiday weekend). No work is anticipated prior to that time.

**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 11<sup>th</sup> 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. Check back for additional updates on this project after May 26 (Memorial holiday weekend)

**CR 84 (19<sup>th</sup> Street on the South side of Albert Lea)** – CR 84 between CSAH 18 and TH 65 was milled on May 8 and paving began on May 9. Paving of the mainline is expected to be completed in one day with miscellaneous work at intersections and driveways (where applicable) continuing next week. We do not anticipate any further major disruptions to traffic after paving is completed on May 9.

**CR 95 Paving** – County Road 95 between CSAH 29 and CSAH 10 will be milled and overlaid. This project is currently awaiting award to Ulland Brothers. No project schedule will be available until after a construction contract has been signed. Look for further updates the week of May 26 (Memorial holiday weekend). No work is anticipated prior to that time.

**CR 113 (Oakland Avenue in Oakland)** – CR 113 between CSAH 30 and Moscow Street in Oakland was milled on May 8. The next step for this project is the driveway work to residences and the elevator. There will be limited access to the residential driveways during this work. Once the driveways have been prepped, the entrances will be paved. Once the driveway work is completed, the final lift of bituminous will be placed. There is not a schedule for the remaining work at this time. Every effort will be made to provide notice to property owners and residents before access to properties is limited.

**Replacement of Bridge L0389 in Oakland Township** – A start date for this project has not yet been set. However, we do not foresee this project starting before June 1. The bridge is located a ¼ mile south of CSAH 19 on 880<sup>th</sup> 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 started last on May 3 in Whites Woods Park. Work on Pickerel Park and Arrowhead Park are expected to start May 9. 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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