

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 paving is now completed. Work remaining includes shouldering, striping, edgeline rumbles and ramping at each driveway. This work will occur in the next few weeks. Drivers are encouraged to slow down and be courteous. 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. As of Friday, June 16, there is no longer a detour for East Main Street traffic. Sibley remains closed to traffic while utility work is being completed. 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 now has a new pavement surface. Driveway work has begun and should be completed by the end of the week of May 19, weather permitting. Shouldering, striping, and driveway ramping still remain and should be completed in the next few 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 is working on the road in segments. They started on the south end of the project and are working north. As of May 16, they have milled from CSAH 1 to just past CSAH 25. After each segment is milled, it is reclaimed and turned back to gravel. Paving has started on the south end of the project and is also progressing northward. If weather conditions hold, mainline paving should be completed from CSAH 1 to CSAH 46 by June 1. Then driveway work and shouldering will be completed on this segment. Milling and reclaiming will continue northward towards TH 251. There is a culvert to be replaced between CSAH 46 and CSAH 25 and this work will start around

June 2. At this point the road will be closed to through traffic for approximately two weeks. After the culvert is completed, paving work will again start from CSAH 46 and work northward through completion. The final completion of this project is difficult to project. However, we expect construction activities to progress at least until July 1.

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 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. Check back for additional updates on this project after May 26 (Memorial holiday weekend)

CR 84 (19th Street on the South side of Albert Lea) – CR 84 between CSAH 18 and TH 65 has received a new bituminous overlay. All paving work on this project is complete. Remaining work includes striping. We do not anticipate any further major disruptions to traffic on this project.

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 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 will be known after the preconstruction conference to be held the week of May 19. Tentatively, we expect the project to start on Tuesday, May 27 after the Memorial Weekend Holiday. This is a change from earlier information shared and moves the start date a week earlier than anticipated. 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 has been completed at Pickerel, Whites, and Arrowhead parks. The parks are open for use. The County just asks that park users stay off of newly seeded areas until well established to make sure a good stand of grass is started.

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