

## Update – July 11, 2025

**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 anticipated to start the week of July 28. 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. This project was also shouldered. Work remaining includes striping and edge line rumbles. The timeline for this work is not certain. 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 anticipated to start the week of July 28. 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 is complete except for final punch list items and striping. It involved the reconstruction of Sibley Avenue in Albert Lea near the B&B Restaurant and Scooters Coffee Shop.

**CSAH 26 Paving** – CSAH 26 from CSAH 1 to CSAH 13 now has a new pavement surface. Shouldering was completed the week of June 2. Remaining work includes striping. The timeline for this work is not known.

**CSAH 30 Paving and Culvert Replacement** – Paving is now underway again on this project. On July 11, the crew is working on placing the first lift on the segment between CSAH 46 and TH 251. By the end of the day Tuesday, July 15 the base lift should be completed for the road on the entire project. The crew will then begin work on the final wearing course north of CSAH 13, then work on intersections and driveway approaches. The final steps are shouldering, ground in rumble strips, and painting. Paving on the project is tentatively planned to be completed by July 19.

**CSAH 34 Microsurfacing** – CSAH 34 from CSAH 46 to TH 251 will be microsurfaced. This week, the contractor began milling the existing surface. This was needed due to the poor surface quality of the existing road. The surfacing work will likely begin the week of July 28. 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 scheduled to begin on July 21. The project will include the milling to remove 2” of existing surfacing and then a 3” overlay of new Bituminous.

**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 is now targeted for August 4. 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 (19<sup>th</sup> 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 shouldering and 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 planned to start as early as July 17.

**CR 113 (Oakland Avenue in Oakland)** – CR 113 between CSAH 30 and Moscow Street in Oakland is complete and only has minor cleanup remaining.

**Replacement of Bridge L0389 in Oakland Township** – The projected start date for this project is August 18, 2025. 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** – This project is complete.

**County Park Improvements** – This project is complete. Please visit our parks and see the new updates to sidewalk and parking at Whites, Arrowhead, and Pickerel Parks! And the new pavilion at Pickerel! 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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