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The Ottawa County Road Commission, Holland Charter Township, Michigan Department of Transportation, and the Macatawa Area Coordinating Council would like to provide an update and thank the area residents, businesses, and commuters of Ottawa Beach Road for your patience while we work through very atypical weather over the past few weeks.

With input and comments from local governmental officials and the general public, the resurfacing of Ottawa Beach Road from 144<sup>th</sup> Avenue to 160<sup>th</sup> Avenue was advanced through the cooperation of the Macatawa Area Coordinating Council from a planned construction year of 2017 to 2014, coinciding with the intersection safety improvement project at 144<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Due to the proposed realignment of the road, the relocation and coordination of many utilities was necessary. The intersection improvement project also prompted Township sanitary sewer forcemain improvements which were coordinated within the work zone.

Plans and specifications were developed in accordance with Michigan Department of Transportation standards, and the projects were bid by MDOT this past July. In coordination with local governmental officials and the general public, it was determined to start construction after Labor Day to avoid the peak seasonal traffic on Ottawa Beach Road. A project completion date of November 15<sup>th</sup> was chosen based on the size of this project and the required coordination efforts mentioned above. This completion date typically allows for paving and substantial restoration prior to seasonal weather limitations.

Unfortunately, we are experiencing extreme temperatures and snow accumulation for this time of year, which is causing unavoidable delay for completion of the paving. Please know that we recognize the importance of Ottawa Beach Road to our customers, and we will continue to monitor the weather and coordinate with the contractor to complete the paving at the first opportunity. MDOT, the Road Commission, and the contractor are developing contingency plans to insure winter maintenance operations in light of this unprecedented weather pattern.

Again, we would like to thank you for your patience and understanding.

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