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PHOTOS: Stronach Road construction projects begin

Manistee County Road Commission begins work on Stronach Road, Water Street

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The resurfacing of 5.62 miles of Stronach Road from US-31 to M-55 in Filer Township and Stronach Township began Monday. The project is expected to be completed by Oct. 3. (Kyle Kotecki/News Advocate)

MANISTEE COUNTY — Two Manistee County Road Commission projects began Monday: resurfacing of 5.62 miles of Stronach Road from US-31 to M-55 in Filer Township and Stronach Township and erosion repair work at the Stronach Road and Water Street crossing of the Little Manistee River in Stronach Township.

The resurfacing project is expected to be completed by Oct. 3; Elmer's Crane and Dozer, of Traverse City, will perform the work.

According to Mark Sohlden, Manistee County Road Commission manager, the scope of construction work includes blacktop cold-milling to replace the existing blacktop base for the partial and full width paved shoulders, blacktop resurfacing of the existing pavements at a depth of approximately two inches, aggregate shoulders, intersection improvements, guardrail upgrading, pavement markings and miscellaneous improvements. The new blacktop pavement is being constructed at a width to match the existing pavement widths in most areas.

One lane of traffic will be maintained at all times during the construction of the road resurfacing project using traffic regulators and construction signing, according to Sohlden. Access to residential and commercial drives will be maintained at all times with minimal disruption. Emergency vehicle access to and through the sites will be maintained at all times, and both lanes will be open to traffic at night and at other times when construction is not being performed.

Even though one lane of traffic will be maintained during the road construction, Sohlden recommends avoiding the project site when possible as traffic delays are expected.

The erosion repair work is being performed by Swidorski Bros. Excavating, LLC of Manistee. The scope of the construction work includes repair and reconstruction of the existing eroded roadway embankments at the large culvert crossings and placement of heavy stone riprap to prevent future erosion. Overhead electric and telecommunications facilities will also be relocated by Consumers Energy and Spectrum (Charter Communications) during the project.

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According to Sohlden, Stronach Road and Water Street will be totally closed to traffic at the project work site during construction and thru traffic will be detoured via a detour route with signage. US-31 and M-55 will be used as the detour route.

The project is expected to last approximately two weeks.

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