

\$1.6M road construction coming to downtown Clawson



Orange barrels are already out on Main Street in Clawson for road construction that starts late next week. The \$1.6 million project will also include 14 Mile Road and is expected to finish in early July 1. Left-hand turns will be prohibited in all directions at the 14 Mile and Main intersection. Mike McConnell - Daily Tribune

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Downtown Clawson can expect some snarled traffic once lane closures on sections of 14 Mile Road and Main Street start next week for road construction.

City Manager Mark Pollock said the road work will take place on 14 Mile from Washington to Bellevue, and on Main Street between Broadacre and Gardner.

“The work is more or less in the limits of the Downtown Development Authority,” he said. “Once the work is finished we’re hoping to get 25 years (of use) out of the improved roads.”

Left hand turns will be prohibited in all directions at the 14 Mile and Main intersection until construction is completed.

Clawson hasn’t done major work on Main Street in the downtown since the mid 1990s.

“It’s been in pretty bad shape for four or five years,” Pollock said. “If the weather cooperates we’ll begin construction by the end of next week.”

Workers will remove and replace the top four inches of asphalt on the roads and repair the roads’s subbase where needed. They will further repair curbs, manholes, catch basins and improve on-street parking bays.

Construction will be done first on the westbound lanes of 14 Mile and the northbound lanes of Main Street. The remaining open lanes will allow for one lane of traffic in both directions on the roads.

Work is scheduled to start on the opposite sides of the roads around the middle of May, city officials said.

Pollock anticipates that the work on the \$1.6 million project will be completed in early July.

“We hope to be done in time for our annual Fourth of July parade,” he said.

Clawson qualified more than two years ago for a federal grant through the Michigan Department of Transportation to help fund the upcoming road project.

The grant covers half the cost of the road improvements and Clawson is paying for the other half. The city is also paying for the upgrades to curbing and parking bays on its own because those improvements aren't included in the MDOT funding.

Joan Horton, executive director of the city's DDA, said her organization will keep businesses informed of updates on the road work throughout the construction period and also notify them on the DDA's website at downtownclawson.com.

“I haven't heard a lot of complaints from businesses,” she said. “But it can be difficult for them when the roads are disrupted. Luckily, this is a short project ... and that makes it a little more palatable.”

City officials believe the roads will be in much better shape for residents and visitors alike, which makes the temporary inconvenience worthwhile.

“It's also going to take care of the drainage issues in some of our on-street parking spots,” Horton said. “We know it's going to be messy, but everybody in the city is working to ease that wherever we can.”

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