

## **PUBLIC INFO MEETING WILL BE MARCH 21 FOR 2023 ORCHARD LAKE RESURFACING, COMMERCE TO MIDDLEBELT**

The Road Commission for Oakland County (RCOC), in partnership with West Bloomfield Township, Orchard Lake Village, Keego Harbor and Sylvan Lake, will conduct an information meeting March 21 about the safety improvements and resurfacing planned for Orchard Lake Road from south of Commerce Road to west of Middlebelt Road. The project will include converting the road from two lanes in each direction to two lanes westbound/southbound, one lane northbound/eastbound and a continuous center left-turn lane.

### **MEETING DETAILS**

**Date/Time:** Tuesday, March 21, 4:30 to 7 p.m.

**Meeting Details:** The meeting will be open-house format; there will not be a formal presentation.

Anyone interested can review plans and talk with RCOC staff at any time during the meeting.

**Location:** Roosevelt Elementary School, 3380 Orchard Lake Rd., Orchard Lake Village, MI 48324.

### **PROJECT DETAILS**

In addition to safety enhancements including converting the road to three through lanes with a center left-turn lane, the project will include:

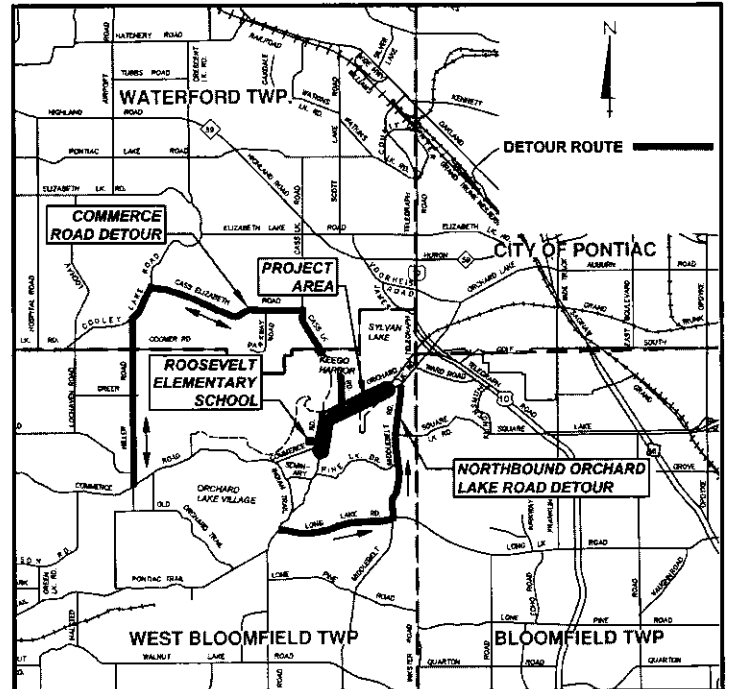
- Reconstruction and drainage improvements on the section from south of Rycroft St. to north of Commerce Road.
- Milling (grinding off existing pavement) on the remainder of the road and resurfacing with two layers of asphalt.
- Isolated side street-approach reconstruction, repairs to curbs and gutters and upgrades to sidewalks and crosswalks to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).
- Upgrades to traffic signals throughout the corridor.

### **SCHEDULE**

Utility relocation will take place in spring 2023. The project is expected to start in summer 2023 (after July 4) and be completed in the fall, though there is a slight chance it could be delayed until 2024 due to right of way acquisition challenges.

### **IMPACT ON TRAFFIC**

There will be intermittent lane closures during utility relocation. Then, for the first 30 days of construction, westbound/



southbound traffic will remain open, but the road will be **closed to northbound/eastbound traffic** including at the Commerce intersection.

During the northbound/eastbound closure, the detour route for Orchard Lake traffic will be Long Lake Road to Middlebelt Road and back to Orchard Lake Road. The detour route for Commerce Road traffic will be Commerce Road to Hiller Road to Cooley Lake Road to Cass-Elizabeth Road to Cass Lake Road, back to Orchard Lake Road and vice versa. Following the initial 30 days, the road will be open to two-way traffic.

### **PROJECT COST AND FUNDING**

The project is expected to cost approximately \$3.1 million and will be paid for with federal funds, RCOC dollars and contributions from Keego Harbor, Orchard Lake Village, Sylvan Lake and Oakland County general government (through the Tri-Party Program).

### **ADDITIONAL INFO**

Additional information is available on the project page of the RCOC website ([rcocweb.org](http://rcocweb.org)). Click on the "Road Projects" button on the site home page and select "Orchard Lake Road, Commerce to Middlebelt" from the list of projects.

**For more information:**

**Call RCOC's Department of Customer Services at (877) 858-4804 or send us an email at [dcsmail@rcoc.org](mailto:dcsmail@rcoc.org) or via the RCOC Website, [www.rcocweb.org](http://www.rcocweb.org)**