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Next phase of vital sewer maintenance to close two lanes of 15 Mile Road

Two lanes of a one-half mile stretch of 15 Mile Road on the border of Clinton Township and Fraser will be closed starting Monday, Oct. 18 or shortly thereafter for a critical sewer maintenance project.

The lanes will be shut between Simon Drive and Bobcean Road (east of Garfield Road) for approximately nine months. However, two-way traffic will be maintained along with a center left-turn lane.

“If we don’t do this work, we’re going to have another sinkhole like the one in 2016,” Macomb County Public Works Commissioner Candice S. Miller said. “We understand motorists’ frustration that it feels like there’s traffic disruptions everywhere these days. However, these lane closures are necessary to conduct sewer maintenance that, if left unchecked, could result in something much more costly and disruptive. Obviously, none of us want a repeat of an infrastructure disaster.”

The sewer is part of the Macomb Interceptor Drain Drainage District, which carries sewage from nearly 600,000 people in 11 municipalities in Macomb County. In addition to Clinton Township and Fraser, the communities include Sterling Heights, New Haven, Utica and Chesterfield, Harrison, Lenox, Macomb, Shelby and Washington townships.

The preventive maintenance project resulting in the lane closures is in an area known as “Segment 6” of the Macomb Interceptor Drain. It includes the spray lining of approximately 2,100 feet of 5-foot-diameter concrete pipe along 15 Mile Road to protect it from corrosion caused by hydrogen sulfide sewer gas.

Last April, the MIDDD board awarded the Segment 6 competitively bid construction project to Ric-Man Construction of Sterling Heights for \$13.5 million. A second phase of Segment 6 sewer maintenance will begin to the immediate west in spring 2022.

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“Macomb County Public Works is focused on maintaining underground infrastructure as well our open channel drains because we cannot afford to have another infrastructure disaster,” Miller said. “We sincerely appreciate the patience of motorists who drive on 15 Mile, including thousands of nearby residents and business owners in southern Clinton Township and northern Fraser, during this construction.”