

January 23, 2024

The Board of County Road Commissioners met in the Road Commission offices for a public hearing pursuant to Michigan Act 150, Public Acts 1976 of the State of Michigan for the purpose of discussing the **proposed 2024 improvements to 68<sup>th</sup> Street** from Kraft Avenue to west of Cherry Valley Avenue, Sections 5 and 8, Caledonia Township.

The public hearing was called to order by Commissioner VerHeulen, Chair at 6:31 p.m.

Present: Commissioners David Medema and Robert VerHeulen, Managing Director Jerry Byrne, Deputy Managing Director of Engineering Wayne Harrall, Director of Maintenance Steve Roon, Right-of-Way Office Manager L.R. Cole, Senior Property Specialist Tim Fennema, Human Resources Coordinator Courtney Clifford, and Executive Secretary Karen Luneke.

Chair VerHeulen welcomed everyone and introduced the Road Commission Board members and staff. He stated the purpose of the public hearing was to receive comments and questions from the public regarding the proposed construction on 68<sup>th</sup> Street. When making a comment, he asked that everyone identify themselves by stating their name and address. The public hearing is closed at the conclusion of this meeting – no additional comments will be included after the closing of the public hearing. He explained that no decision will be made at the public hearing; a decision will be made at a future regular Board meeting. He added that staff would be available after the public hearing to meet with residents on an individual basis to answer detailed questions.

The following were also present:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Address</b>
Gordon Ironside	7664 84 <sup>th</sup> Street,
Craig Burgess	7300 Cherry Valley
Ted Bair	5959 84 <sup>th</sup> Street
Anne Bair	5959 84 <sup>th</sup> Street
Keshia Pacino	7664 84 <sup>th</sup> Street
Mark Cherpes	6046 84 <sup>th</sup> Street

Chair VerHeulen asked Deputy Managing Director Harrall to review the proposed construction.

Deputy Managing Director Harrall stated staff held an informational meeting on May 16, 2023, at the Caledonia Township Hall. A total of 2 people attended the meeting representing 1 property within the project limits. In attendance representing KCRC were Bridge Engineer Mike TenBrock, Right-of-Way Office Manager L.R. Cole, Senior Property Specialist Tim Fennema, Survey Chief Tom Morgan, and Engineering Employee Justyn Kreps.

Comments and concerns received at the informational meeting included the following:

- Tree and stump removal.
- Mail delivery and refuse pick up.
- Property access during construction.
- Project schedule and anticipated start time.

Deputy Managing Director Harrall stated the proposed construction of 0.95 mile of 68th Street from Kraft Avenue to west of Cherry Valley Avenue, Sections 5 and 8 in Caledonia Township includes tree removal, asphalt pavement removal, concrete pavement removal, earthwork, sand subbase, aggregate base, storm sewer, drainage, culvert extension, concrete curb and gutter, asphalt pavement, pavement markings and

restoration to construct a 3-lane all-season roadway with 11-foot wide lanes and 4 - 8-foot wide shoulders, 10-foot wide HMA trail on the north side of the road between Kraft Avenue and Panther Woods Apartments.

Through traffic will be detoured and local traffic will be maintained for the duration of the project.

The estimated cost of the 68<sup>th</sup> Street project is \$1,700,000 with \$1,228,000 funded with Federal funds and \$412,000 Kent County Road Commission funds, and \$60,000 Caledonia Township funds for the trail.

The estimated start date is mid-August 2024. Tree removal work will be completed prior to April 1, 2024. There will be approximately 10 weeks of construction.

Construction will consist of:

1. Local traffic on north, work on south, including trenching, drainage, sand subbase, aggregate base, asphalt base course and utility services.
2. Work on north, local traffic on south, similar work as Phase 1 including curb and gutter and non-motorized trail.
3. Asphalt top course over entire roadway, gravel shoulders, pavement markings, and restoration.

Deputy Managing Director Harrall stated the Michigan State Police set the speed limits for all county roads per State law. The State Police set the limit near the 85th percentile speed. A speed study will be completed the year following construction.

Chair VerHeulen opened the meeting for comments.

Anne Bair, 5959 84<sup>th</sup> Street, questioned if the hill going west on Cherry Valley will be lowered at all to turn onto 68<sup>th</sup> Street? Mr. Harrall stated it will be lowered a little, but it will not change visibility to the football field.

There being no more comments, Chair VerHeulen thanked everyone for attending. He stated that staff was in the lobby to answer any additional questions about the project and impacts to their property.

The Board and the Road Commission take public hearings seriously and the decision regarding this project will be made at a future regular Board meeting.

There being no further comments or questions to come before the Board, the Hearing was adjourned at 6:43 p.m.

January 23, 2024

The Board of County Road Commissioners met in the Road Commission offices for a public hearing pursuant to Michigan Act 150, Public Acts 1976 of the State of Michigan for the purpose of discussing the **proposed 2024 improvements to 84<sup>th</sup> Street** from Kraft Avenue to west of M-37, Sections 17 and 20, Caledonia Township.

The public hearing was called to order by Commissioner VerHeulen, Chair at 6:44 p.m.

Present: Commissioners David Medema and Robert VerHeulen, Managing Director Jerry Byrne, Deputy Managing Director of Engineering Wayne Harrall, Director of Maintenance Steve Roon, Right-of-Way Office Manager L.R. Cole, Senior Property Specialist Tim Fennema, Human Resources Coordinator Courtney Clifford, and Executive Secretary Karen Luneke.

Chair VerHeulen welcomed everyone and introduced the Road Commission Board members and staff. He stated the purpose of the public hearing was to receive comments and questions from the public regarding the proposed construction on 84<sup>th</sup> Street. When making a comment, he asked that everyone identify themselves by stating their name and address. The public hearing is closed at the conclusion of this meeting – no additional comments will be included after the closing of the public hearing. He explained that no decision will be made at the public hearing; a decision will be made at a future regular Board meeting. He added that staff would be available after the public hearing to meet with residents on an individual basis to answer detailed questions.

The following were also present:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Address</b>
Gordon Ironside	7664 84 <sup>th</sup> Street,
Ted Bair	5959 84 <sup>th</sup> Street
Anne Bair	5959 84 <sup>th</sup> Street
Keshia Pacino	7664 84 <sup>th</sup> Street
Mark Cherpes	6046 84 <sup>th</sup> Street

Chair VerHeulen asked Deputy Managing Director Harrall to review the proposed construction.

Deputy Managing Director Harrall stated staff held an informational meeting on November 8, 2023, at the Caledonia Township Hall. A total of 16 people attended the meeting representing 15 properties within the project limits. In attendance representing KCRC were Deputy Managing Director Wayne Harrall, Senior Property Specialist Tim Fennema, Assistant Design Engineer Carrie Breen, along with Caledonia Township Supervisor Bryan Harrison.

Comments and concerns received at the informational meeting included the following:

- Tree and stump removal.
- Mail delivery and refuse pick up.
- Property access during construction.
- Project schedule and anticipated start time.

Deputy Managing Director Harrall stated the proposed construction of 0.8 mile of 84th Street from Kraft Avenue to M-37, Sections 17 and 20 in Caledonia Township includes tree removal, pavement removal, earthwork, sand subbase, aggregate base, ditching, leaching storm sewer, asphalt pavement, guardrail, retaining wall, pavement markings and restoration to construct a 2-lane all-season roadway with 12-foot wide lanes and 8-foot wide shoulders (4' paved, 4' gravel).

Through traffic will be detoured and local traffic will be maintained for the duration of the project.

The estimated cost of the 84<sup>th</sup> Street project is \$1,700,000 with \$1,052,410 Federal funds and \$647,590 Kent County Road Commission funds.

The estimated start date is mid-August 2024. Tree removal work will be completed prior to April 1, 2024. There will be approximately 10 weeks of construction.

Construction will consist of:

1. Construct the south side, maintain local traffic on north including excavation, ditching, drainage, sand subbase, aggregate base.
2. Work on north side, maintain local traffic on south. Similar work to Phase 1 including base course pavement.
3. Asphalt top course over entire roadway, gravel shoulders, pavement markings, and restoration.

Deputy Managing Director Harrall stated the Michigan State Police set the speed limits for all county roads per State law. The State Police set the limit near the 85th percentile speed. A speed study will be completed the year following construction.

Chair VerHeulen opened the meeting for comments.

Ted Bair, 5959 84<sup>th</sup> Street, stated the gravel comes down the hill into his driveway after it rains. Deputy Managing Director Harrall stated that the proposed asphalt valley gutter should help. There will not be any gravel shoulders to wash down toward you. Mr. Bair questioned if the other side near the stream would remain the same. Mr. Harrall stated that everything will be paved, so definitely less gravel shoulder. Mr. Bair is concerned with the artesian well. Senior Property Specialist Tim Fennema stated it will

be maintained and accessible. It is already shown on the plans and will be adjusted as needed to continue to flow.

Mr. Bair questioned about the drain over the creek. Mr. Harrall stated the road will be raised and drainage will be similar to what it is now.

Mr. Harrall stated that residents will receive contact information in case of any issues or concerns before the project begins.

There being no other comments, Chair VerHeulen thanked everyone for attending. He stated that staff was in the lobby to answer any additional questions about the project and impacts to their property.

The Board and the Road Commission take public hearings seriously and the decision regarding this project will be made at a future regular Board meeting.

There being no further comments or questions to come before the Board, the hearing was adjourned at 6:58 p.m.