

VAN BUREN COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

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BLUE STAR HIGHWAY PROJECT SCHEDULED TO BEGIN SEPTEMBER 18th

The County Road Commission Wants You to Know . . .

Construction on Blue Star Highway from Phoenix Road (CR388) to Baseline Road in South Haven Township is scheduled to begin on September 18, 2017 to include approximately 1.11 mi. of milling and resurfacing work, and guardrail upgrades, including construction of a non-motorized path. The prime contractor is Rieth-Riley Construction Co., Inc.

Funds for this project were made available to the Van Buren County Road Commission through a grant from the Federal Highway Administration and Michigan Department of Transportation in the amount of up to \$513,980. The Van Buren County Road Commission is responsible for additional project costs of approximately \$325,000, which will be paid for through funds received from the County-Wide Road Millage.

Van Buren County Road Commission officials state that construction will be accomplished without detouring traffic; however, motorists are urged to use an alternate route, if possible, as traffic may be temporarily delayed while specific work is being completed.

Phase 1 of the project will include the closure of the outside lanes (one northbound and one southbound). Beginning on approximately October 18th, Phase 2 of the project will begin with the re-opening of the outside lanes and the closure of the inside lanes (one northbound and one southbound). Final restoration is estimated to be completed on November 1, 2017.

If you have any questions regarding the project, please contact the Van Buren County Road Commission by phone at 269-674-8011, or by email at vbcrc@vbcrc.org.

We sincerely thank you for your patience and cooperation. We are confident you will find that the long-term benefit of this road improvement project will outweigh any temporary inconvenience you may experience.

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