



Weekly Operations Update

Van Buren County Road Commission

Week of June 8, 2020

Maintenance Operations

- All maintenance employees are back working normal hours following the lifting of COVID limitations and the Governor's Executive Order.
- Grading, shaping and compacting gravel roads county-wide, as well as gravel shoulders on paved roads.
- Ditching and pipe replacements are continuing county-wide.
- Hot mix asphalt patching, both for maintenance, and sealcoat preparation county-wide.
- Hoping to begin sealcoat operations before the end of June.
- De-berming operations, county-wide.
- Contracted roadside mowing continues. Local road mowing is complete in Lawrence, Hamilton, Paw Paw, Decatur, Porter and should finish in Antwerp today, heading to Almena. Primaries done in entire south half of the county, moving north. More tractors being added next week.
- Contract gravel started in Pine Grove and Bloomingdale Townships this week.

Engineering

- Red Arrow Highway from 26th Street to 28th Street, Antwerp Township, guardrail and permanent signing is all that remains for project to be complete and open to traffic.
- CR653 from Red Arrow Highway to I94, Antwerp Township, signal work and paint should be completed this week and the road should be open to traffic.
- 80th Avenue between 29th Street and M40, Porter Township, work continues to widen out and flatten some hills.
- s10 preventative maintenance bridge projects continue with 71½ Street, South Haven Township, and 70th Street, Hartford Township. (CR653 over the Paw Paw River, Antwerp Township; 48th Avenue over the Paw Paw River, Lawrence Township; 5th Avenue over the Mentha Drain, Pine Grove Township should be next on the schedule).

Miscellaneous

- Please see the attached the list of roads that will be sealcoated during the 2020 construction season. We received a request at our Annual Meeting to share the list of roads so that townships/cities-villages could review what was being accomplished by neighboring municipalities. Please call us with any questions!



CR653 S of Red Arrow Hwy. Antwerp