

Weekly Operations Update

Van Buren County Road Commission

Week of June 1, 2020

Maintenance Operations

- All maintenance employees are back working between 36-40 hours a week with staggered start and stop times to comply with social distancing 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 have resumed after our partial shut-down.
- Hot mix asphalt patching, both for maintenance, and sealcoat preparation county-wide.
- Hoping to start sealcoat before the end of June.
- Yearly de-berming operations have begun.
- Contracted roadside mowing began last Tuesday in Keeler Township working north and west. Primary roads are done in Keeler, Hartford, Hamilton and Lawrence, moving into Paw Paw. Local roads are done in Hamilton and Lawrence. Should finish Decatur on Tuesday, moving into Porter.

Engineering

- Paving was completed on Red Arrow Highway between 26th Street and 28th Street last Friday.
- 27th Street, Alma Township, culvert was placed, and the paving and shoulders have been completed.
- The 10 bridge preventative maintenance projects continue. Currently working on 71.50th Street in South Haven Township and on 70th Street in Hartford Township.
- Did some emergency work on 34th Avenue in Bangor Township this past Friday and Saturday. Uretex did some soil testing and injected material into both sides of the concrete box culvert to stabilize the soils.
- CR653 from Red Arrow Highway South to I94, Antwerp Township, should be top course paved on Monday (June 1st). Signal work, shoulders and restoration yet to be completed.
- Our bridge submittals for 2020 were sent to the MDOT on June 1st. Two structures for replacement, and three groups (10 structures) for Preventative Maintenance work.

Miscellaneous

- The Road Commission lobby will be CLOSED to the public and vendors until further notice in compliance with the Governor's Executive Order. Individuals can continue to report any **non-emergency** road concerns by calling 269-674-8011, Extension 0, or by sending an email to VBCRC@VBCRC.org, or by reporting on "See Click Fix".
- Please see the attached the list of roads that will be sealcoated during the 2020 construction season (current as of 6-2-20). 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!



Red Arrow Highway between 27th Street and 28th Street, Antwerp Township