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Glenview Road Construction Bulletin Number 4

The DiPaolo Company, contractor for this year's paving work, has requested the approval of IDOT and the Village to be allowed to close Glenview Road between Harms and Wagner Road in order to accelerate construction in this section. The length of time the road will be closed will be approximately 4 weeks assuming good weather and no unforeseen problems.

During the period of road closure, the contractor has indicated that all necessary roadway excavation, placement of granular base material, and installation of curbing and asphalt pavement (excluding the final surface course) can be completed. The estimated time of heavy construction can be reduced by 50% when compared to the programmed schedule. There will be a significant cost savings since most of the temporary pavement and stone shoulder work will be eliminated. For those residents living in this area, access to driveways will be maintained via a temporary stone road.

IDOT and the Village have agreed to the request for the following reasons:

1. Construction in this area of Glenview Road from Wagner to Harms was scheduled to take 2 months. By closing the road, this time frame can be reduced by half. This will certainly serve to minimize the unavoidable disruption to the residents in the area.
2. When the Wagner/Harms segment is closed it is hoped that the non-local traffic that insists on using the road can be persuaded to use an alternate route. This will reduce traffic delays for those drivers who have a real need to use Glenview Road.
3. The expedited work schedule will allow most work in this narrow area to be completed before school opens and school buses start running again.
4. Safety for all concerned will be enhanced. The residents in the area will not have to contend with both construction traffic and through traffic for two full months. Safety for the workmen and inspectors will be improved by the elimination of through traffic. As an aside, one of the workmen for DiPaolo Company was seriously injured when he was hit by a car while working on the side of the road.
5. Since the area is tightly confined, it is necessary to remove the temporary asphalt sidewalk in the Wagner/Harms area. By closing the road to most traffic, safety for those pedestrians and cyclists that must use the area will be increased. Furthermore, the contractor has committed to construct the permanent sidewalk on at least one side of the pavement before the road is reopened.
6. A 1-2 week closure would have been necessary anyway to construct the permanent approaches to the bridge. By extending this time frame by a small amount, a large reduction in the time necessary to build the entire roadway in this area can be achieved.
7. The contractor has indicated that accelerating work in the Wagner to Harms sector will not delay work already underway elsewhere along the project. Additional crews will be employed to keep everything moving ahead.

The internal detour route will be the same as last year i.e. up Wagner Road to Lake, East on Lake to Harms then back south on Harms to Glenview Road. The external detour route along Golf Road will remain unchanged.

Elsewhere on the project, work continues apace. By the time this newsletter is received, traffic in the Wagner/Waukegan segment will likely have been shifted over to the northern lane. Construction was delayed somewhat in this segment due to the strike, utility conflicts, and a delay in delivery of pipe for the replacement of a storm sewer. All of these conflicts have been resolved and it is anticipated that work on the southern lane will proceed with fewer problems.

On the segment from Harms Road east, the temporary pavement on the south side of the road is in place and the by-pass road at the Harms Road intersection is currently being built.

As additional events warrant, further construction updates will be mailed. Thank you for your patience and cooperation.