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AVON ROAD REOPENED, SIGNIFICANT INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS IN AREA COMPLETED

- *Avon Road and new roundabout at the intersection of 23 Mile Road and Dequindre Road now open to through traffic*
- *Improvements near Rochester Hills and Shelby Township border include installation of new, re-routed 96-inch water transmission main*
- *Next road closure at Dequindre Road south of Avon Road anticipated to begin in mid-November 2023; expected to be completed in Fall 2024*

DETROIT – The Great Lakes Water Authority (GLWA) and Road Commission for Oakland County (RCOC) have completed the initial phase of significant infrastructure improvements around the Avon Road corridor, between Dequindre Road and 23 Mile Road on the Rochester Hills and Shelby Township border as part of the [96-inch water transmission main relocation project](#).

Avon Road and the new roundabout at 23 Mile Road and Dequindre Road, near Yates Cider Mill, are now fully open to traffic. Crews completed restoration of new pavement, sidewalks, driveway approaches, crosswalks, and signals in the Avon Road corridor. This completes the road work on Avon Road; this phase also included construction of the Avon and Dequindre Road roundabout and replacement of the Avon bridge over the Clinton River.

“I know our residents and business owners in the area – Yates Cider Mill especially – are excited to see this phase of the project completed,” said Rochester Hills Mayor Bryan K. Barnett. “While tedious, we are thankful for the partnership with GLWA and RCOC and their investment in improving safety for pedestrians and motorists as well as the reliability of our water infrastructure for years to come.”

In mid-November 2023, GLWA will begin the next phase of its 96-inch water transmission main relocation project, including adding two new pipe segments to the main on Dequindre Road. In conjunction, road improvements will be done on Dequindre Road between Avon and Hamlin, and between 23 Mile and the Macomb Orchard Trail.

GLWA’s work will increase reliability of the water main serving multiple communities in southeast Michigan. In addition, the project will improve access for operations and maintenance and improve traffic flow and pedestrian safety at critical intersections. GLWA continues to provide drinking water to its member partner communities throughout construction.

“We are thrilled with the progress we continue to make and by the collaboration across multiple communities and look forward to continuing to improve the resiliency of a very large water main

that supplies water to nearly one million people,” said Cheryl Porter, Chief Operating Officer, Water and Field Services, GLWA. “Regional collaboration like this project is a great example of how we can work together to address infrastructure needs and continue to provide water of unquestionable quality all while reducing construction impact on local communities.”

Additional road closures and detours will be in place along Dequindre Road, between Avon Road and Hamlin Road, anticipated to begin in mid-November and be completed by Fall 2024.

The Dequindre Road infrastructure improvements entail:

- Installation of 8,000 linear feet of 96-inch diameter welded steel pipe, starting on Dequindre Road between Avon and Hamlin, followed by Dequindre Road between 23 Mile and the Macomb Orchard Trail;
- Reconstruction of Dequindre Road between Hamlin and the Macomb Orchard Trail;
- The replacement of the 66 by 96-inch elliptical corrugated metal pipe culvert with a new concrete box culvert at the Honeywell Ditch.

“This has been a great cooperative effort between GLWA, RCOC, Macomb Department of Roads, the cities of Rochester Hills and Rochester, and Shelby Township,” said RCOC Chair Andrea LaLonde. “Not only does it ensure an uninterrupted water supply for the region, it has also improved pedestrian and traffic safety and traffic flow along the Avon/Dequindre corridor. We look forward to the additional improvements coming in the next phase.”

The city of Rochester, Shelby Township and the Macomb County Department of Roads are also partners in the multi-phase project.

Further details of the GLWA and RCOC project can be found online at glwater.org/96inchwatermain or by phone at 877-237-7311.

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About the Great Lakes Water Authority (GLWA)

The Great Lakes Water Authority (GLWA) is the provider-of-choice for drinking water services to nearly 40 percent and efficient and effective wastewater services to nearly 30 percent of Michigan’s population. With the Great Lakes as source water, GLWA is uniquely positioned to provide those it serves with water of unquestionable quality. GLWA also has the capacity to extend its service beyond its 88 member partner communities. As part of its commitment to water affordability, the Authority offers a Water Residential Assistance Program to assist low-income households in participating member communities throughout the system. GLWA’s board includes one representative each from Oakland, Macomb and Wayne counties, two representatives from the city of Detroit and one appointed by the Michigan governor to represent customer communities outside of the tri-county area.

About the Road Commission of Oakland County (RCOC)

RCOC maintains the largest county road system in the state, with more than 2,700 miles of roads. It is a national leader in both road safety and the application of advanced technology to road and traffic management. For more information about RCOC, visit the RCOC website at www.rcocweb.org.