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HURON RIVER DRIVE ROAD RECONSTRUCTION MEETING

ANN ARBOR, Mich., March 24, 2008 — There will be a Huron River Drive road improvements public informational meeting on **Wednesday, April 2, 2008, from 6 to 8 p.m., at the Forsythe Middle School Cafeteria**, 1655 Newport Road. Staff will give a short presentation at 6 pm followed by time for questions and comments. Proposed road improvement design drawings will be available for review.

Current Status and Schedule:

Project bids are due in April, with construction anticipated to begin in May 2008.

Due to the length of the road and the seasonal requirements for slope and wetland restoration, the project timeline will divide the road (N. Main Street to Bird Road) into two separate phases.

2008 Construction (May 2008 to early-September 2008) will consist of rebuilding the easterly 3200 ft (from N. Main Street to about halfway to Bird Road). This will also include pipe bursting the entire length of the sanitary sewer. Once this phase is complete, the road will be reopened to traffic until work resumes in 2009.

2009 Construction (late-May 2009 to early-September 2009) will consist of rebuilding the remaining 2500 ft, through the Bird Road intersection, and placing the final layer of asphalt across the entire length.

The initial plan to have the entire length completed in one construction season (May through November) was deemed not possible due to the critical nature of the adjacent slopes/wetlands and the need to have these slopes quickly stabilized following construction. The city will not be able to extend construction beyond early September due to seasonal growing restrictions.

Detour Route:

During the construction, Huron River Drive (HRD) from Main Street to Bird Road will be closed to traffic. The detour route for eastbound HRD traffic will be Maple-Dexter-Huron-Main. The detour route for westbound HRD traffic will be Main-Miller-Maple.

Road Cross Section:

The road will be fully reconstructed with removal and replacement of the road base. Due to the adjacent steep slopes and the shallow sewer, the road cross section will be kept to a minimum with the use of

geotextiles and geogrids. The pavement will be asphalt. The new road will be 23-ft wide for two vehicular lanes. Typical cross sections will be provided at the meeting.

If you have questions or comments, please contact Elizabeth Rolla, P.E., Senior Project Manager, 734.994.6155, erolla@a2gov.org.

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