



**Candice S. Miller**

Public Works Commissioner  
Macomb County

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## MACOMB INTERCEPTOR DRAIN REHABILITATION PROJECT

Dear Residents & Business Owners,

We all remember the sinkhole on 15 Mile Road five years ago, when we experienced a major sewer interceptor collapse. You may have been a resident in 2004 when there was also a sinkhole on 15 Mile Road, or even remember the one in 1978. None of us ever want another sinkhole obviously. After fixing the 2016 sinkhole, my department did a comprehensive inspection of the entire system, and no surprise, it needs some rehabilitation and maintenance work. We have undertaken that work with a project that is currently under way in an area in the ITC corridor, under the transmission towers. Thus far, we have been able to contain the work to the ITC corridor, but I'm writing to you to inform you of a couple of temporary lane closures that will happen soon, as the work will require.

1. There will temporarily be a lane closure on the eastbound curb lane of 15 Mile Road, beginning at Morningdale Drive and ending at Fontana Drive will occur from mid-August 2021 through early fall 2022. This lane closure will allow traffic to continue along 15 Mile, but the contractors need to be able to access the manhole near Fontana, so we will need to do this.
2. There will temporarily be a lane closure on the east side (northbound lane) of the Fontana Drive entrance/exit, as well as 15 Mile from Fontana Drive to Hayes Road, which will be closed from mid-August 2021 through late spring of 2022. Two-way traffic on Fontana will be maintained by using the west side of the entrance. A pedestrian detour will be provided for foot traffic around the work area. Again, this is to allow the contractors safe access to the manholes.

We are committed to investing and maintaining our underground infrastructure for future generations, and we are also committed to ensuring we never have another infrastructure disaster along 15 Mile. We sincerely appreciate your understanding and patience during the construction period. There really isn't any other way, and we also want to make sure that local residents were notified.

There is also a map on the back of this letter to view the closures area. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Keith Lumma with the Macomb County Public Works Office at [keith.lumma@macombgov.org](mailto:keith.lumma@macombgov.org) or 586-469-5325.

Sincerely,

Macomb County Public Works Commissioner

