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GRIND AND GRAVEL PROJECT UPDATE #1

TOWNSHIP(S): Chikaming Township, New Buffalo Township, Oronoko Township

LOCATION(S) AND PROJECT ORDER:

- 1) Brown Road between W. East Road to the railroad crossing (Chikaming)
- 2) Wilson Road between Brown Road to end (Chikaming)
- 3) Locke Road between Union Pier Road to Red Arrow Highway (Chikaming)
- 4) Old M-60 between Behner Road to the city limits (New Buffalo)
- 5) Freehling Road between Hills Road to Coveney Road (Oronoko Township)

CLOSEST CITIES: New Buffalo, Sawyer, Berrien Springs, Baroda

START DATE: Wednesday, 4/14/2021*

ESTIMATED END DATE: Contractor and weather dependent*

PROJECT UPDATE: A contractor began grind and gravel projects on Wednesday, April 14th. This update has added Freehling Road to the order. As additional projects and order will be updated on our website weekly. Road improvement construction will result in temporary road closures with a possible moving work zone. Motorists should anticipate possible temporary delays as work progresses.

SAFETY BENEFITS: Grind and gravel projects will provide needed structure to road base which will be prime and double sealed later in the construction season. Improvement projects will correct some structural issues, provide greater stability and a smoother road surface.

TRAFFIC RESTRICTIONS: Temporary road closures or traffic delays will occur when contractor and equipment is present. Traffic will be permitted through by the contractor when safe to do so. Please reduce speeds and be alert when traveling through work zones. Individuals might wish to seek alternative routes or be prepared for possible delays until work is completed.

QUESTIONS: For any questions regarding this process please contact the Road Department. Schedule and work is dependent on both contractor and weather. The website will be updated regarding anticipated road project order, which will be evaluated weekly for conditions.