

# PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING FOR ORCHARD LAKE RECONSTRUCTION, 14 MILE TO MAPLE, IS JAN. 7

The Road Commission for Oakland County (RCOC), in cooperation with the Charter Township of West Bloomfield, will conduct a public input and information meeting Jan. 7, from 4 to 7 p.m., concerning the proposed reconstruction of Orchard Lake Road from north of 14 Mile Road to Maple Road as a four-lane boulevard.

## Meeting details:

- WHEN:** Wednesday, Jan. 7, 2014
- WHERE:** Warner Upper Elementary School (media center), 30303 West 14 Mile Rd.  
Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334

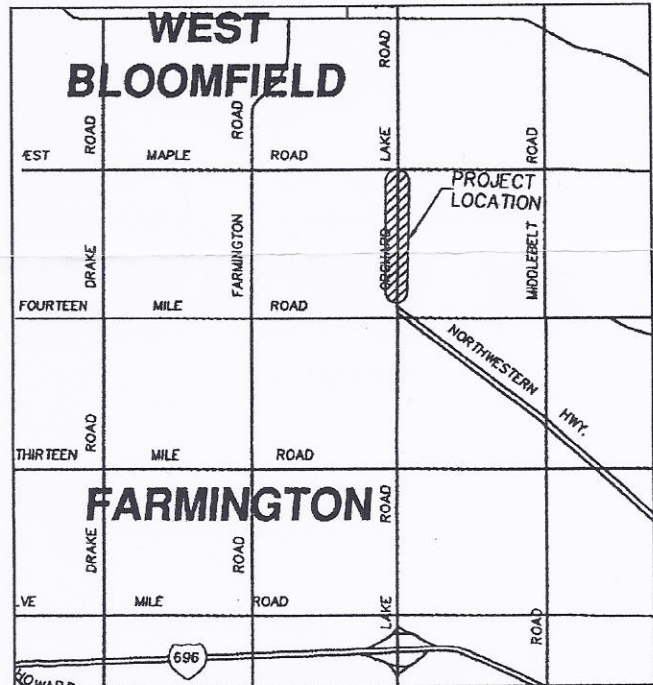
The purpose of the meeting is to obtain public comment and input regarding the proposed revision of the design for the reconstruction of this section of Orchard Lake Road. The design is part of the federally mandated Environmental Assessment process for the project, which is intended to help ensure the community is involved in the selection of the best design alternative.

## PROPOSED PROJECT DETAILS

The original preferred alternative contained in the Environmental Assessment for this portion of the Northwestern Connector project called for Orchard Lake Road to be reconstructed as a six-lane boulevard with a roundabout at the Powers/Orchard Lake intersection. Due to input from the community and other area road network improvements, including the completion of the Martin Parkway extension, a re-evaluation of the preferred alternative is being completed as required by Environmental Assessment process.

Through the evaluation process, it was determined that the preferred alternative could be reduced to a four-lane boulevard with a standard traffic signal at the Powers/Orchard Lake intersection. With this revision,

## PROJECT MAP



the project is expected to achieve the goals of reducing traffic congestion and improving traffic and pedestrian safety and mobility within the corridor.

The project is a continuation of the construction currently under way at the 14 Mile/Orchard Lake/Northwestern Highway "triangle," which is also part of the Northwestern Connector project. The Northwestern Connector project is a series of improvements intended to enhance traffic flow and alleviate congestion related to the dead-ending of Northwestern Highway at Orchard Lake Road.

## PROJECT SCHEDULE & FUNDING

This section of Orchard Lake Road is expected to be reconstructed in 2016. The project will be paid for with federal funds and dollars from the Road Commission and West Bloomfield Township.

## **For more information:**

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