



CITY OF EAST GRAND RAPIDS



750 LAKESIDE DRIVE SE-EAST GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN 49506

CONSTRUCTION NOTICE **Please Keep for Future Reference**

June 16, 2025

Dear East Grand Rapids Resident/Property Owner:

The City of East Grand Rapids cape seal and micro-surface pavement preservation street surface treatments for the 2025 season are tentatively scheduled for mid-July and early/mid-August, subject to change due to weather, equipment, or supply chain issues. Pavement preservation is a best practice under asset management to align infrastructure maintenance and pavement lifecycle. Each of the 47 miles of streets within the City have condition ratings completed each year to drive asset management treatments from milling and resurfacing to pavement preservation and other maintenance treatments like crack sealing. The asset management rating system is called pavement surface evaluation and rating (PASER), which is a 1-10 rating scale that corresponds to associated treatments. With additional preventative maintenance that may include milling and paving spot repairs, crack sealing or application of mastic your street meets the criteria and funding has been designated for a cape seal treatment.

What is a cape seal? A cape seal is a two-part pavement preservation process that improves, preserves, and extends the useful service life of an existing street surface by up to an additional 6-10 years.

What is the process?

Phase 1: Residents will receive a door hanger notice from the contractor in advance of Phase 1 work commencing, along with “no parking” signs being placed on the street. Though the disruption to access is limited, residents are advised to park on adjacent streets via on-street parking to avoid any disruption or inconvenience. The street surface will be swept and cleared of any debris by streetsweepers. Then an application of a highly polymerized engineered emulsion is applied to the existing pavement surface which is immediately followed by a layer of crushed aggregate which is rolled with rubber tire rollers and swept by a streetsweeper within a short period of time to remove loose or excess aggregate. This phase of the process is completed within several hours and can be driven on as soon as the contractor leaves the site. The aggregate stone surface will remain in place for several days up to several weeks.

Below are images of the stages for Phase 1

1 Street sweeping



2 Emulsion applied



3 Aggregate applied



4 Aggregate rolled



5 Aggregate swept



Phase 2: Residents will receive a second door hanger notice from the contractor in advance of Phase 2 work commencing along with “no parking” signs remaining in place. Though the disruption to access is limited to up to several hours, residents are advised to park on adjacent streets via on-street parking to avoid any disruption or inconvenience. In this phase contractors will return with equipment to place a mixture of polymer-modified asphalt emulsion, crushed aggregate, mineral fillers, water, and additives also referred to as asphalt slurry. The mixture is properly proportioned, mixed, and uniformly spread over the prepared street surface. After the application of asphalt slurry residents can travel on the road surface within 1-2 hours typically depending on curing process with outside temperatures.

Below are images of the stages for Phase 2

1 Asphalt slurry applied



2 Completion



Schedule: Cape seals are anticipated to be completed in mid-July and early/mid-August, which may be extended due to weather, equipment and supply chain issues.

Each phase will be completed within a few hours per day, meaning the impact to each street will be several hours on two separate days only. Exact dates and times cannot be given outside of the schedule range due to factors that cannot be controlled including, but not limited to weather, equipment breakdowns and other unforeseen circumstances. **Work will be completed generally between the hours of 7am and 9pm Monday through Saturday. The contractor will provide door hanger notices before each phase of work within the day before work takes place and will also place “no parking” signs on applicable street segments. The city will also post “paving this week signs” at the end of each block the week of scheduled work. Residents are encouraged to park on adjacent streets via on-street parking to avoid any conflicts or inconvenience while work takes place.**

No parking, project paving signs, and contractor door hanger notices-below



ATTENTION PLEASE

Dear East Grand Rapids Resident; Weather permitting; on either or your street will have road construction taking place. A chip seal interlayer is being placed on your street. This work will take 1-2 hours per street.

Please adhere to the “No Parking” signs on your street. Please park in your driveway or on an adjacent street. Access to and from your home will be unaffected.

Your street rehabilitation is a two-part process. The second phase will occur 7-10 working days after the first phase this week. A microsurfacing application will be placed as the final part of construction. A second notification for that process will be passed out 1-2 days before construction as well as “No Parking” signs being reinstalled.

Check out our daily schedule to see what day your street is scheduled for this first process:

<https://strawserconstruction.com/category/resident-updates/>

From our experience, we know that our success depends upon your cooperation and understanding, so please observe the following:

1. Keep the street free of all parked cars between 7AM and 8PM.
2. Please turn off all water sprinklers.
3. If your street is scheduled to be worked on and it rains, we will return the next day if it's not raining to complete the work.

Thank you for your patience and understanding and please don't park on the street!

Project Locations:

- Cambridge Blvd (Lake Dr to Wealthy St)- Coordinated with LSL Replacements
- Cambridge Blvd (Pontiac Rd to Martin Luther King Jr. St)
- Pontiac Rd (Rosewood Dr to Cambridge Dr)
- Alexander Rd (Plymouth Rd to West City Limit)
- Seminole Rd (Gladstone Dr to West City Limit)
- Laurel Circle (Lake Dr to end)
- Croswell Ave (Lake Dr to Wealthy St)
- Lakeside Dr (Burchard St to Argentina Dr)
- El Dorado Dr (Lakeside Dr to Breton Rd)
- Beechwood Dr (Lake Grove Ave to end)- Coordinated with LSL Replacements
- Eastlawn Rd (Boston St to Heather St)
- Oxford Rd (Englewood Dr to end)
- Whitfield Rd (Englewood to end)
- York Dr (Berwyck Rd to Boston St)
- Princeton Blvd (Lake Dr to end)
- Woodlawn Ave (Maplewood Dr to South City Limit)
- Woodcliff Circle (Lake Dr to Wren Ave)
- Bonnell Ave (Mary Ave to Hall St)
- Arlington Dr (Cascade Rd to end)
- Kingswood Dr (Cascade Rd to end)

General Information:

- Construction progress may be constrained by weather, availability of materials, scheduling conflicts and/or unforeseen emergencies. With these variables it is not possible to give exact time frames.
- Temporary on-street parking restrictions will be in place when work occurs. Please adhere to any signage postings for parking restrictions.
- The contractor will accommodate street access for emergency vehicle access at all times.
- Yard waste service will continue in the impacted area of construction in accordance with the regular yard waste schedule. Residents impacted by street construction must place yard waste bags and containers between the sidewalk and roadway and only the night before scheduled pick up so that these items do not interfere with construction.
- Private waste/recycling haulers licensed with the city have been contacted in advance of the project so they can make any adjustments if needed.
- Mail/delivery service. The local post office has been contacted to inform them of the projects so they can make any adjustments if needed. Other delivery services should be able to access homes with the exception of limited application times.

How can I receive updates about construction in my neighborhood or throughout the city?

If you would like to receive periodic updates on the construction projects the construction page and/or subscribe to the city's e-newsletter at: www.eastgr.org or via the provided QR codes below:



Construction Updates-Above



Stay Informed Options-Above

The city appreciates your patience and understanding as important infrastructure is replaced and rehabilitated that will serve the community for the future. Questions may be directed to the city by calling the Department of Public Works at 616-940-4817.

Respectfully- East Grand Rapids Department of Public Works