

## Email Received from MDOT

MDOT has awarded Reith-Riley, an MDOT pre-qualified contractor with an office in Traverse City, a contract for \$619,369.58 to complete 2.30 miles of hot mix asphalt cold milling and resurfacing and pavement markings on M-22. There are two disconnected project segments that comprise the project. One is from south of Front Street northerly to south of M-204 (approximately 0.5 miles in the Village) and the other is from north of Dumas Road northerly to the north side of Mill Pond Bridge. The nature of this work is very straightforward whereby the contractor will mill off 1.5" of the existing pavement, and repave it with the same thickness. We call this a mill and fill and these project typically proceed very rapidly.

The progress clause specifies that the work shall start no earlier than May 16, 2022 and that all contract work, except for the final application of pavement markings, must be complete by the interim completion date of June 10, 2022. This is essentially substantial completion. The entire project must be completed by the final completion date of July 8, 2022. Failure by the Contractor to meet interim or final completion dates will result in the assessment of liquidated damages. In the very unlikely event that liquidated damages are assessed they will continue to be assessed for each calendar day that the work associated with the interim completion and/or final completion dates remains incomplete.

Work shall be suspended during the summer holidays as follows:

**Table 1: 2022 Holiday Periods**

Holiday	Start Date and Time	End Date and Time
Memorial Day	3:00 pm, Friday, May 27 <sup>th</sup>	6:00 am, Tuesday, May 31 <sup>st</sup>
Independence Day	3:00 pm, Friday, July 1 <sup>st</sup>	6:00 am, Tuesday, July 5 <sup>th</sup>

This work was purposefully scheduled to occur in the shoulder season to have minimal disruption on the community. While the Department recognizes that there will be a temporary interruption to the community while this work is completed, we hope that most can recognize that this very short term interruption will provide a long term direct benefit to the community by providing new pavement that will make it more safe and inviting for residents and visitors alike for years to come. In addition to the construction contract, when engineering and construction administration fees are added, the total investment in the community associated with this project is approximately \$0.7M.

Very similar to the summer tourism dependent businesses, we also have a very short window of time to conduct our activities necessary to maintain a safe transportation network available for all user groups. With some 600 miles of trunkline within our office coverage area alone this is no easy task. In addition to our own manpower limitations that necessitates we schedule our projects so that we can administer them, the trades are faced with the same limitations and challenges.

While the contract has already been drawn up with the above dates included, we will be asking the contractor if they would be willing to start the project slightly ahead of schedule, assuming our forces can also maintain the adjusted schedule, which at this point it appears that we can.

I hope this provides more details on what is being planned for this project.