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Status Summary	Novi City Council Weekly Update #81

As of:	9/2/2026	Overall Status	In progress

PMR Previous Activities (October 2024 – August 2026)

Design
- Weekly design meetings continue to occur on Mondays

Other
- Current cost estimating for the PSB is within industry standards for the Conceptual Design phase. PSB is now in Schematic Design phase.

Upcoming Activities

Governance
- City Council's remaining approvals consist of design development; furniture vendor; contractor bid packages; change orders (CO's) that exceed project contingency or program budget
- FAC to approve budget transfers between projects (for example, a budget transfer from the PSB to FS 2) and use of contingency

Design
- Approval of FS 2 and FS 3 Design Development to occur at the 10/26 City Council meeting, with an FAC meeting to be scheduled on 10/12
- Current timeline is aiming for Schematic Design approval of the PSB at the 10/26 City Council meeting, with an FAC meeting on 10/12
- FS 2 and FS 3 elevations revised per Chiefs' request

Other
- The next PMR's Owner's Meeting with Novi will be on 9/14/26
- FS 2 and FS 3 site bid packages to be issued ~~in August~~ after Labor Day with award recommendation at 10/12 City Council meeting.
- ~~Materials Testing invite-only RFP issued the week of 8/17~~
- PMR to provide dashboard update in September
- City Manager to begin coordinating dates with Council for a late-October/early-November groundbreaking event at one of the fire station sites

Areas for Discussion

Site Due Diligence / Budget Items Checklist:
- City of Novi will address any necessary survey and treatment of invasive species for public safety sites
- PSB soil boring locations have been coordinated between G2, Spalding DeDecker, and HED/BRW
- DTE application process for FS 2 and FS 3 (HED leading) has begun

City of Novi Road Project
- Approx. $18 million, which includes property acquisition and utilities ($11.5 million "construction cost" for the road itself)
- PMR's assumption is that it is responsible for activities within the project sites, and that utilities are available at lot line
- City will be responsible for wetlands, contaminated soils and land clearing of the identified spoils pile at the Public Safety Building Site (if needed), and relocation and/or improvements of public utilities adjacent at Lee BeGole Drive to facilitate the road improvements and PSB project.
- PMR analyzing cost-sharing financial scenarios between Public Safety Project and Road Project activities for items listed above for FAC

Procurement and Contracts
- Site work/land clearing for FS 2 and 3 to occur 4th Quarter 2026
- Targeting substantial completion of FS 2 and FS 3 by December 2027, with the PSB starting construction in 2028
- PMR seeking approval of Mechanical/Electrical Commissioning and Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment (FFE) vendor in 4th Quarter 2026

Buzz Report

September 3, 2026

Hot Topics:

- **Tree Removal at Beck Rd/10 Mile Intersection**
  The Home located at 24190 Trafalgar Court, the southwest corner at the Beck Road and Ten Mile Road intersection has recently received some attention due to the removal of several trees. This work was done under proper permitting, having received a Woodland Permit from the Planning Commission on their June 10, 2026 meeting. In total 23 regulated woodland trees, of various sizes, were approved for removal so that the homeowner can install a fence on the property. The City's Woodland Consultant calculated that 39 woodland replacement credits are required as part of the permit, this is currently planned to be fulfilled by installing new plantings on the subject property including deciduous trees, evergreen trees, as well as both small and large shrubs. A bond is in place, and the Community Development department will continue to monitor the work.

- **Deer Population Concerns**
  While residents may encounter deer in neighborhoods and some homeowners experience landscape damage, local data does not indicate that Novi has an overpopulation requiring a deer management program. During the period reviewed (January of 2025 through July 29, 2026) Novi recorded 2,101 reported crashes citywide, with 122 (approximately 6%) involving a vehicle and deer. The Novi Police Department has indicated that these numbers do not currently present a public safety concern. Deer population management is a complex issue regulated in part by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources and must consider local data, habitat, environmental impacts, public safety, and community priorities. At this time, Novi does not have a deer management program underway.

- **Start of 2026 NSRP and Associated Tree Removals**
  Work for the 2026 NSP (Neighborhood Sidewalk Program) began on **Monday, July 13th, 2026**.

  The subdivision of WESTRIDGE DOWNS work will be executed starting in September, this includes all sidewalk and tree work along WESTRIDGE LN, and GALWAY Dr.

  Once the tree removals are complete contractor Major Construction Group will begin sidewalk/concrete work. The first three subdivisions that Major will be working in will be North Haven Woods, Haverhill, and Woods of Novi. Once completed in these three developments, Major will continue working through the remaining subdivisions included in this years NSP program. Sidewalk panel marking / notifications via door hangers and yard signs will occur 2-3 weeks ahead of Major beginning work, with a final notification flyer being distributed approximately one week ahead of concrete work beginning.

  Community Relations, in coordination with the Department of Public Works (DPW), sent an informational letter to addresses in the following subdivisions where a tree is marked for removal to help explain the program, the reason trees are being removed, and the possibility of trees being replaced once the program is completed: North Haven Woods, Haverhill Farms, Woods of Novi, Whispering Meadows, Westridge Downs, Royal Crown Estates, Addington, Broadmoor Park, Mockingbird, Simmons Orchard, Cedarspring Estates, Settlers Creek, Camborne, and Homestead Condos.

The Sidewalk Repair Program webpage has also been updated with the latest information. You can see example of the signage and door hangers to be used on the webpage: https://cityofnovi.org/sidewalkrepairprogram/

Great Lakes Water Authority (GLWA) Status Update:

14 MILE TRANSMISSION WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT: **The long wait has finally come to an end, The contractor fully reopened 14 Mile Road for the full length on Tuesday, August 4th!** They will utilize temporary traffic markings for a few weeks until RCOC's pavement marking contractor can place the permanent ones. There is also a fair amount of restoration (minor grading, planting grass and replacement trees, and irrigation fixes) needed on the overall project which will be done under flag control and intermittent lane closures. https://www.glwater.org/14milemainproject/

Road Construction Projects:

At City Council's request the Administrative ePacket will now include the Weekly Road Construction Updates put together by our Department of Public Works engineering team. This same information is used to update the Better Roads Ahead section of the City webpage in a more easily digestible format for the public https://cityofnovi.org/betterroadsahead/

Community and Economic Development Project Updates:

Map of Development projects ***Development Projects Webpage***

- **Sumo Japanese Grill – 42658 Grand River Ave (Sakura Novi)**
  With existing locations in Livonia and Canton, Sumo Japanese Grill recently opened in Novi, offering fast-casual Japanese hibachi-style meals featuring grilled chicken, steak, seafood, vegetables, rice, and noodles.

- **AG3 Labs**
  AG3 Labs is a Michigan-based defense technology startup that grew out of engineering research and entrepreneurship at Michigan State University. The company has developed autonomous, low-cost drone systems for military training and counter-drone applications. In 2025, AG3 Labs was one of four global winners of the U.S. Army's xTech Counter Strike competition, earning $350,000, and the company is now advancing to the second round of the Army's Drone Dominance Gauntlet at Fort Carson, Colorado.

- **Gardner-White Furniture - 27775 Novi Rd**
  Gardner White has relocated its Novi showroom from West Oaks to a new location at 27775 Novi Road (former Value City Furniture location), opening August 20.

- **Stars + Honey**
  Locally founded protein bar company is opening a manufacturing facility in Novi after expanding its distribution from direct sales to contracts with Target and Costco. Sales have grown roughly 300% over the past 14 months and the company expects $50 million in revenues this year.

- **Townes at Haggerty** – Haggerty Road just south of 9 Mile
  175 townhouses across 26 buildings are proposed on the west side of Haggerty. A public hearing was held before the Planning Commission on May 6th, for their initial review.

- **Hotels at the Adell Center**
  Preconstruction meeting complete for Home 2 Suites (5 story/141 rooms), expected start any day. Working to post Financial Guarantees and Schedule preconstruction meeting for Towne Place Suites (5 story/129 guestrooms)

- **Supra Revolving Sushi** (Former Bar Louie) – 12 Mile Crossing
  The space recently vacated by Bar Louie is set to become a new revolving sushi restaurant. Permits have been issued and rough inspections are underway. There is not yet a timeline for when they plan to open.

- **Central Park South** – Beck Road, South of Grand River Ave
  The former Central Park Estates project has been redesigned and is being treated as a new project by planning. New multiple-family development with 106 units in a single 5-story building. The site improvements include parking on the first level of part of the building, garages, and related open spaces. Final Site Plan is now under review.

- **Providence Meadows** – Grand River Ave, West of Providence Parkway
  Proposed rezoning of 31 acres from Light Industrial to High Density Multiple Family to develop 161 townhome units. At the January 14th Planning Commission meeting this project received initial feedback (no votes were taken) and went before Council on May 4th for their initial input. The applicant has resubmitted as a Rezoning/Planned Suburban Low Rise (PSLR) development with 157 units.

- **Grand-Beck Development** – Grand River east of Beck Road
  Fuel station, convenience store, and Clean Express car wash to be built on a vacant parcel. Preliminary Site Plan has been approved by the Planning Commission. Final Site Plan is now under review. Estimated Completion Date: Unknown

- **Taft Knolls III** – Taft Rd, north of 10 Mile Rd
  The Site plan for a Single-Family Residential Development of 13 new homes is now under construction.

- **North Eight Kitchen & Cocktails** (Former Border Cantina) – Novi Road north of Eight Mile
  New restaurant by the owners of Benstein Grille in Commerce. Modified site plan with building additions and remodel has been approved by Planning Commission and Zoning Board. Interior Demolition work has commenced as of September. Permits have been issued and work is underway. *Estimated Completion Date:* September 2026

- **Novi 10 -** 10 Mile and Novi Road
  Staff sent the developers a draft of the PRO Agreement in early April. Comments have not received any comments back from them so far.

- **Novi Acres (FKA Station Flats)**
  The owners of the property between Target and Sam's recently submitted a new Preliminary Site Plan (61 townhome units and a 6,529-square-foot retail building) under the new name of Novi Acres. The previously planned project, known as Station Flats, has been scuttled. The current project is anticipated to be before Planning Commission in July.

- **Camelot Parc/Avalon** by Village of Stonebrook
  Townhomes for sale with garages, fewer units (currently zoned PSLR). The development went before City Council on July 27th meeting for final approval of their Planned Suburban Low-Rise (PSLR) Agreement and Concept plan. The associated resolution was approved 5:2.

- **El Car Wash # 2 -26100 Novi Rd**
  The station is now open and operating under a temporary permit, which has been extended through September 15. An official grand opening is scheduled for September 12th.

- **Orsa Credit Union - 43700 Grand River Ave**
  A grand opening and ribbon cutting is scheduled for September 10th.

- **The Village Desk – 22759 Heslip Drive**
  The Village Desk, a coworking space that includes a dedicated workspace for working parents and a separate area for children, is scheduled to hold its grand opening and ribbon-cutting ceremony on September 23.

- **Transformco (Former Sears at Twelve Oaks)**
  Spaces for a Dicks House of Sport, Round 1 Arcade and Bowling, and Primark. Nearly all the external work has been completed. Construction continues for all 3 future tenants. *Estimated Completion Date*: September 2026 (for Dicks House of Sport). Primark and Round One expected around December 1, 2026.

Ordinance Enforcement Updates:

- **DICE (24555 Novi Rd):** Community Development continues to work with them to clean up graffiti on the back of the building. Their plans for a car wash are set to expire very soon.

Frequently Asked Questions:

1. ***Does the City of Novi have a Policy or Ordinance regarding e-bikes/electric scooters/electric minibikes (especially on sidewalks)?***

   Answer: No, The City of Novi does not *currently* have an ordinance regarding e-bikes or similar toys/vehicles. However, we are aware of the increase in such modes of transport and the safety concerns of pedestrians and non-motorized bikers sharing the sidewalk. Policy/Ordinance options regarding the matter are currently being explored.

2. **Does the City of Novi have Flock Cameras installed/in-service?**

   Answer: Yes, The City has had several Flock Automated License Plate Reader (ALPR) cameras positioned at strategic roadway intersections throughout the City since the approval of their purchase and installation in 2023.

   Detective Sergeant Snell recently provided a memorandum regarding their use in Novi and surrounding communities and can be reviewed HERE.

   Additionally, on the morning of Sunday, July 5th, Novi PD discovered someone had tampered with our Flock cameras located at southbound Novi Road at I-96 and northbound Novi Road at I-96. Based on the preliminary investigation, the damage appears to have been intentional. It appears the suspect was unsuccessful in removing the northbound camera on Novi Road, as only three of the four mounting bolts had been loosened. The southbound camera only sustained damage to its solar panel.

   During a check of other Flock camera locations, officers identified another incident at the westbound Eight Mile Road and Haggerty Road location, where the mounting bolts had been loosened.

2026 WEEKLY CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

September 1 through September 7

***Please note: Any indication of a project's schedule is only an estimate.**
Construction work could be delayed by many factors, such as inclement weather.

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PROJECT STATUS

YELLOW	- NOT STARTED	GREEN	- ACTIVE
RED	- STOPPED OR DELAYED	BLACK	- COMPLETE

COUNTY PROJECTS

Project: NOVI ROAD RECONSTRUCTION/REHABILITATION (8 MILE TO 9 MILE ROADS)
Prime Contractor: Dan's Excavating, Inc.
Start: April 15, 2025
End: August 30, 2026
Consultant: RCOC - In-House Project Management

Description: See attached link to the right for RCOC construction updates https://www.rcocweb.org/698/Novi-Road-8-Mile-Road-to-9-Mile-Road

The Road Commission for Oakland County (RCOC), in partnership with the cities of Novi and Northville, will rehabilitate and reconstruct Novi Road, from 8 Mile to 9 Mile Roads. Phase 1 - relocate utilities (DTE, Consumers, AT&T, etc.) in spring of 2025 - **COMPLETE**; Phase 2 - reconstruct the 'curve' between 8 Mile Road and Allen Drive in summer/fall of 2025 - **COMPLETE**; and **Phase 3 - rehabilitate the remainder of Novi Road from Allen Drive to 9 Mile Road, in 2026. Plans are also to add a continuous center left turn lane throughout the entire section of Novi Road as well as the installation of a High-Intensity Activated Crosswalk or HAWK pedestrian signals, located just north of Galway Drive.**

Traffic Control/Detours: Pg 4 of 8 - Detour map attached as an appendix

Phase 3 - the contractor will maintain one-way, southbound traffic only. Northbound traffic will be detoured to Beck, 10 Mile, and back to Novi Road.

Work Status:

Construction, closure and detour started on Monday, March 30th. Although, dodging existing utilities along the southbound side slowed progress, the contractor was able to complete the storm sewer, new concrete curbing, and paving of the first two leveling courses of new asphalt. This week, the contractor will finish paving and placing the permanent pavement markings and signs. **Contractor hopes to have Novi Road reopened on Wednesday, September 2nd.**

Project: BASE LINE OR 8 MILE ROAD/CSX RAILROAD BRIDGE DECK REPLACEMENT
Prime Contractor: E.C. Korneffel Co.
Start: March 2, 2026
End: October 31, 2026
Consultant: In-House WCDPS Project Management Staff

Description: See attached link to the right for WCDPS construction updates. https://www.waynecounty.com/departments/publicservices/roads/road-construction-updates.aspx

The Wayne County Department of Public Services (WCDPS) will be completing the final stage (Stage 3) of construction on 8 Mile Road between Haggerty and Novi Roads which is the bridge rehabilitation and bridge deck replacement at the CSX/Lake State Railway. Stage 1 was the concrete rehabilitation from Haggerty Road to just west of Meadowbrook Road. Stage 2 was completed late last year, milling the existing concrete and placing new asphalt pavement over the top from just west of Meadowbrook Road to the CSX bridge.

Traffic Control/Detours: Pg 5 of 8 - Detour map attached as an appendix

8 Mile Road will be completely closed in both directions at the CSX/Lake State Railway bridge for the full duration of the project. The detour for westbound traffic will be Haggerty Road, south to 6 Mile Road, to Beck Road, and back to 8 Mile Road. Eastbound traffic will be in the reverse.

Work Status:

The closure and construction began on Monday, March 2nd. The contractor has recently come across several utility conflicts that will undoubtably push the opening to October, according to a recent media story and no response yet from WCDPS officials.

Project: 12 MILE ROAD REHABILITATION (NOVI ROAD TO FARMINGTON ROAD)
Prime Contractor: Cadillac Asphalt, LLC
Start: July 13, 2026
End: October 30, 2027
Consultant: Internal RCOC Design and Inspection Staff

Description: https://www.rcocweb.org/733/12-Mile-Road-Novi-Road-to-Farmington-Roa

The Road Commission for Oakland County (RCOC) in cooperation with the cities of Novi and Farmington Hills will be rehabilitating 12 Mile Road from Novi Road to Farmington Road over the course of two years, in four, distinct stages (see attached 'Staging Plan'). Stage 1 will take place this summer on the concrete portion of 12 Mile Road between Novi and Meadowbrook Roads and the asphalt portion between just east of Halsted Road and Farmington Road. The plan is to repair the outer lanes first, then repair the inner lanes.

Traffic Control/Detours: Pg 6 of 8 - Staging plan attached as an appendix

The contractor will maintain at least one lane, in each direction throughout the duration of the first stage.

Work Status:

Stage 1 has been divided into two separate phases. Stage 1A started on July 14th in Farmington Hills, from just east of Halsted Road to Farmington Road milling and paving the existing asphalt along with some spot, curb repairs. Stage 1B (Novi to Haggerty Roads) started on August 18th. The contractor continues to remove and replace existing concrete sections of roadway in the outside lanes of both bounds. The contractor could be switching over to the inside lanes as early as next week.

Project: GLWA's 14 MILE TRANSMISSION WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT
Prime Contractor: Ric-Man Construction, Inc.
Start: January 12, 2026
End: August 15, 2026
Consultant: Brown & Caldwell and DLZ Corporation

Description: https://www.glwater.org/14milemainproject/

The Great Lakes Water Authority (GLWA) in cooperation with the Road Commission for Oakland County (RCOC) and the cities of Novi, Walled Lake, Commerce Township, Wixom, and Farmington Hills will be replacing and/or rehabilitating the 42-inch water transmission main along 14 Mile Road from roughly East Lake Drive to M-5. This construction will constitute rehabilitation of certain portions with a Carbon Fiber Reinforced Polymer (CFRP) repair, mainly through the Walled Lake and Wixom areas. All other areas will be an outright replacement pipe.

Traffic Control/Detours: N/A - Detour plans attached as an appendix

14 Mile Road (East Lake Drive to M-5) is still currently closed to eastbound traffic while maintaining westbound traffic.

Work Status:

The long wait has finally come to an end. **The contractor fully reopened 14 Mile Road for the full length, on Tuesday, August 4th.** The permanent traffic markings were also placed along the full length. There is also a fair amount of restoration (minor grading, planting grass and replacement trees, and irrigation fixes) needed on the overall project which will be done under flag control and intermittent lane closures.

Project: 2026 BRIDGE PREVENTATIVE MAINTENANCE PROGRAM - NOVI ROAD OVER THE CSX RAILROAD
Prime Contractor: C.A. Hull Construction Company
Start: August 17, 2026
End: September 15, 2026
Consultant: Internal RCOC Design and Inspection Staff

Description: See attached link to the right for RCOC construction updates https://www.rcocweb.org/668/Bridge-Preventative-Maintenance

The Road Commission for Oakland County (RCOC) has developed a Preventative Maintenance Program for several of their bridges that does not warrant rehabilitation or replacement. These programs are less intrusive while also extending the usable life of the bridge which is more cost-effective in the long term. One of the bridges selected is the Novi Road bridge over the CSX Railroad tracks, just south of the Main Street/Bond Street intersection.

Traffic Control/Detours: N/A - Detour map is attached as an appendix

The County's contractor will maintain one lane in each direction for the duration of the project.

Work Status:

The contractor mobilized and began setting up traffic control on Monday, August 24th with the closure of the outside lanes and merging traffic into the center lanes. Contractually, the contractor has 46 calendar days to complete the work.

CITY PROJECTS

Project: BECK ROAD RECONSTRUCTION (GRAND RIVER AVENUE TO 11 MILE ROAD)
Prime Contractor: Dan's Excavating, Inc.
Start: April 6, 2026
End: November 1, 2026
Consultant: AECOM-Great Lakes
Description:

Through MDOT's Local Agency Project office and federal funding program ($3.6 Million), the City will be reconstructing and widening Beck Road from Grand River Avenue to 11 Mile Road to five lanes. The plan is to first locate and lower the existing 16-inch and 24-inch water mains in order to install a new large diameter culvert under Beck Road, just south of Heritage Drive. The contractor will begin installing a new storm sewer network along the western edge of Beck Road before construction begins on the road widening. There will also be improvements made to the signalized intersection to the hospital and ADA sidewalk upgrades throughout.

Traffic Control/Detours: Pg 7 of 8 - Detour map attached as an appendix

Most of the preparatory work will be performed off the edge of the roadway. Drivers can expect to see minor lane closures or lane shifts under flag control for this work. Once the actual road work begins, Beck Road will be open to southbound traffic only; most northbound traffic will be detoured using 10 Mile, Novi Road, and Grand River Avenue. **Local traffic will still be able to use northbound Beck Road north of 10 Mile, all the way to 11 Mile Road.**

Work Status:

Construction of the southbound lanes or west half is complete. The final stone grade of the northbound lanes is also complete and the paving contractor is set to place new concrete on the northbound lanes this week. Upon reaching sufficient strength, next week, the paving contractor will pour the drive approaches, half width at a time and also place new concrete sidewalk.

Project: NOVI ROAD MEDIAN ISLAND CONVERSION (12 MILE TO 13 MILE)
Prime Contractor: Merlo Construction Company
Start: July 27, 2026
End: September 1, 2026
Consultant: Spalding DeDecker
Description:

The City will be providing improvements to the center median islands on Novi Road, between 12 Mile and 13 Mile Roads. Improvements will be to deconstruct the current, natural, sunken islands with newly raised, decorative concrete islands along with planter boxes for small bushes and trees.

Traffic Control/Detours: N/A - Detour map attached as an appendix

One lane of traffic in each direction (outer lanes) will be provided at all times during construction. No closures or detours are expected for this work.

Work Status:

Last week, the contractor placed all new concrete curb and gutter and new flat work concrete within the islands. Currently, waiting on cure strength for the new concrete. Next week, the contractor will place new asphalt pavement around the outside of most islands and start placing the trees and plants within the planter boxes.

Project: VILLAGE WOOD ROAD RECONSTRUCTION (CRANBROOKE DRIVE TO HAGGERTY ROAD)
Prime Contractor: Fonson Company, Inc.
Start: June 8, 2026
End: September 30, 2026
Consultant: AECOM-Great Lakes
Description:

The City's contractor, Fonson Company, Inc., will reconstruct Village Wood Road from Cranbrooke Drive to Haggerty Road with new asphalt, concrete curb and gutter, enclosing the ditches, improved storm sewer network, and adding a new, 6-foot wide concrete sidewalk along the north side of the roadway.

Traffic Control/Detours: Pg 8 of 8 - Detour map attached as an appendix

Eastbound traffic will be maintained at all times, no matter which side of the roadway is being worked on. Westbound traffic will be detoured south on Haggerty Road, west on 9 Mile Road, north on Cranbrooke Drive, and back to Village Wood Road for the duration of the project.

Work Status:

All of the new storm sewer, curbing, and final wearing course of asphalt has been installed on the south side of Village Wood Road from Cranbrooke Drive to Haggerty Road. Last week, the contractor finished placing all the new curb and gutter for the westbound lanes and fine grading the stone base. This week, they will begin paving the first and second courses of new asphalt pavement on the westbound lanes and drive approaches.

Project: LEE BEGOLE DRIVE & CRESCENT BOULEVARD EXTENSION/CONNECTION
Prime Contractor: Springline Excavating, LLC
Start: September 8, 2026
End: November 30, 2028
Consultant: OHM-Advisors
Description:

The City has contracted with Springline Excavating to build a realigned, three lane Lee BeGole Drive, beginning with a connection to the existing Crescent Boulevard to the north and a connection with a new roundabout at 11 Mile Road. This segment will be constructed in two phases: (2026) from Crescent Boulevard to just south of the DPW's northern entrance; (Spring of 2027) from just south of DPW's northern entrance to 11 Mile Road. This phasing will allow consistent access at all times, to and from the DPW. This planned construction will also involve the mitigation of the Bishop Creek and installation of a new looped water main along the route. During the construction of the first, northern phase, the recycling center will be CLOSED and access to the Novi Police Gun Range will be from the DPW's south entrance.

Traffic Control/Detours: N/A - Detour map attached as an appendix

No detours will be necessary during the first, northern phase, of construction. All vehicular access to the DPW will be maintained from 11 Mile Road as normal.

Work Status:

The contractor is working feverishly on obtaining all the required insurance and bonding documents in order to execute the contract with the Mayor and City Clerk.

Project: 2026 NEIGHBORHOOD ROAD PROGRAM - ASPHALT STREETS
Prime Contractor: Federal Paving, Inc.
Start: September 1, 2026
End: November 15, 2027 (Overall Program Completion)
Consultant: OHM-Advisors
Description:

This will be the first year of a 2026-27 program whereby the City of Novi will be performing asphalt road work (full reconstruction, rehabilitation, and/or repair) in the following asphalt street developments: Vistas of Novi; Camden Court; Meadowbrook Glens; and Stonehenge subdivisions. A full list of streets will be provided on the City's 'Better Roads Ahead' web page once contracts and budgets are finalized.

Traffic Control/Detours: N/A - detour map attached as appendix

Although, no detours will be necessary for this work, local traffic and directly affected residents should expect delays in access while the contractor is working on their street or directly in front of their homes and driveways. The engineering consultant and contractor will have constant contact with each resident as construction progresses. Parking on the street will not be allowed during actual construction.

Work Status:

A pre-construction meeting was held with the contractor on August 27th. The contractor is assembling their bonds, insurance, and street schedule for the shortened 2026 construction season.

Project: 2026 NEIGHBORHOOD ROAD PROGRAM - CONCRETE STREETS
Prime Contractor: Koala-T Construction Corporation
Start: September 1, 2026
End: November 15, 2027 (Overall Program Completion)
Consultant: OHM-Advisors
Description:

This will be the first year of a 2026-27 program whereby the City of Novi will be performing concrete road work (full reconstruction, rehabilitation and/or repair) in the following developments: Fairfield Farms; Chase Farms; Mystic Forest; Arden Glen; Broadmoor Park; Bradford of Novi; Westmont; and Yorkshire Place. A full list of streets will be provided on the City's 'Better Roads Ahead' web page once contracts and budgets are finalized.

Traffic Control/Detours: N/A - Detour map attached as an appendix

No detours will be necessary for this work. Construction will take place on one half of the street at a time and for the most part, traffic flow will be maintained in one direction. Residents located on the half being worked on will need to find another location to park vehicles as no access will be provided during this time. The consulting engineer and contractor will be in constant contact with those affected residents.

Work Status:

A pre-construction meeting was held with the contractor on August 27th. The contractor is assembling their bonds, insurance, and street schedule for the shortened 2026 construction season.

CITY PROJECTS

Project: CEDAR SPRING ESTATES WATER MAIN LINING
Prime Contractor: FER-PAL Construction USA, LLC
Start: June 15, 2026
End: September 15, 2026
Consultant: OHM-Advisors
Description:

The Cedar Spring Estates subdivision has experienced numerous water main breaks over the last decade due to corrosion and deterioration of the existing ductile iron pipe. Instead of a full replacement of the water main which would involve significant excavation and disturbance to the adjacent lands and roadways, the City will be undertaking a placement of a cured-in-place pipe (CIPP) lining of approximately 5,000 feet of 8-inch and 600 feet of 12-inch water main. The project will also involve the replacement of existing valves and hydrants. A temporary water service will be provided to the residents prior to and during construction.

Traffic Control/Detours: N/A - Detour map attached as an appendix

Depending on the locations of work which will vary, there may be some minor lane closures, but two-way traffic will be maintained at all times.

Work Status:

All of the water main lining, CCTV, chlorination, and testing has been completed. This week and next, the contractor will make all the final connections back to the existing system and start dismantling the temporary water service lines. The contractor is on target for a mid-September finish.

Project: SOUTHWEST WATER MAIN LOOP (BECK, 8 MILE & NAPIER)
Prime Contractor: TBD
Start: September 1, 2026
End: May 15, 2027
Consultant: OHM-Advisors
Description:

The 2014 Water Master Plan Update identified a large area of the southwest quadrant of the City as having low or insufficient water pressure and fire protection. Therefore, this project will expand the "Island Lake Pressure District" by providing a 'looped' water main connection between 8 Mile Road, Napier Road, 10 Mile Road, and Beck Road. The project will involve constructing approximately 16,800 feet of 12-inch ductile iron water main between 8 Mile Road and 10 Mile Road, through the ITC Sports Park, along Beck Road, and Napier Road.

Traffic Control/Detours: N/A - Detour map attached as an appendix

No detours will be necessary for this project, but will involve a moving or 'rolling' lane closure as the work progresses along the roadway. The lane closures will be protected along with flagging personnel.

Work Status:

Plans are currently out to bid and expect a late fall construction start.

Project: MAIN STREET SIDEWALK, LIGHTING & ROAD IMPROVEMENTS (GRAND RIVER AVENUE TO NOVI ROAD)
Prime Contractor: TBD
Start: May 1, 2027
End: August 15, 2027
Consultant: AECOM-Great Lakes
Description:

In cooperation with the Corridor Improvement Authority (CIA), the City is moving forward with a plan to make significant improvements to the existing sidewalk, lighting, and road pavements on both the east/west and north/south portions of Main Street from Grand River Avenue to Novi Road.

Traffic Control/Detours: N/A - Detour map attached as an appendix

No detours will be necessary for this project, but may involve small, distinct lane closures at the specific work areas. The lane closures will be protected with traffic cones and barrels along with flagging personnel while the work is actively in progress.

Work Status:

The City has plans and specifications currently out to bid. Construction is slated for early spring of 2027.

Project: VILLA BARR PARK CONCRETE PATHS
Prime Contractor: Mattioli Cement Company, Inc.
Start: June 17, 2026
End: July 6, 2026
Consultant: AECOM-Great Lakes
Description:

City Council requested the paving of the pathways at Villa Barr Park to increase accessibility. Concrete will be placed over the existing aggregate paths as well as providing a new concrete loop around the existing pond.

Traffic Control/Detours: N/A

No detours will be necessary for this work. The park will be closed during the duration of this project which is approximately 30 to 45 days.

Work Status:

The contractor made quick and short work of this project. All of the new concrete paths have been poured and achieved proper strength on the sidewalk. The park has now been reopened to the public. The contractor also spread topsoil and straw mulch along the sides of the new path network. These newly restored areas will need time to fully grow in. We ask that the walking public please stay on the sidewalk and refrain from stepping on the newly seeded grass areas.

Project: ITC PATHWAY AND BOARDWALK CONNECTION TO BOSCO FIELDS
Prime Contractor: L.J. Construction Company
Start: April 25, 2026
End: August 31, 2026
Consultant: AECOM-Great Lakes
Description:

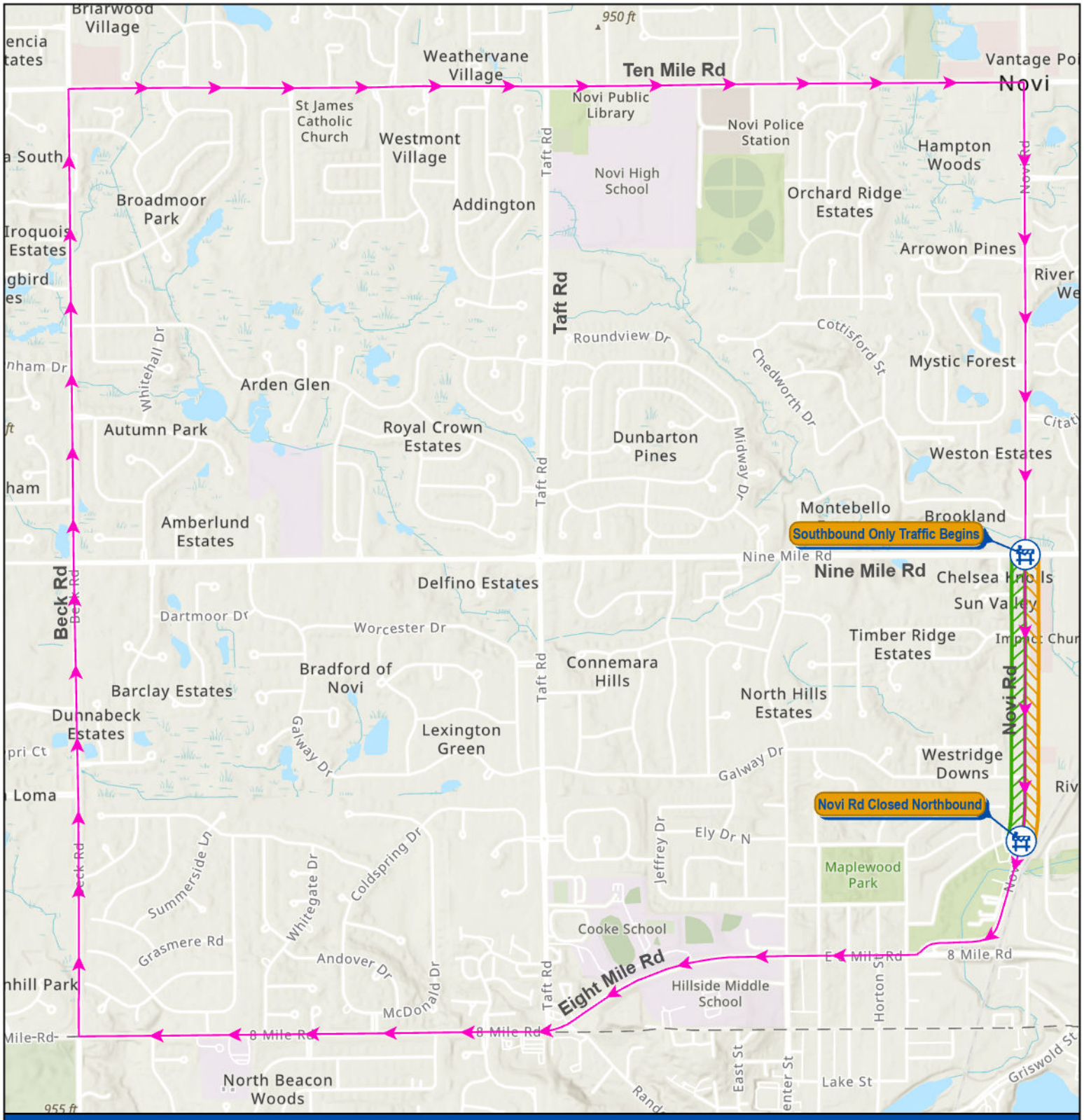
Through MDOT's Local Agency Project office and federal funding program through SEMCOG ($230,000), the City will be constructing a pathway between the existing ITC Trail and Bosco Fields Park. Construction will involve the placement of a hot-mix asphalt shared use path from the existing ITC Trail, south of 11 Mile Road, easterly to Bosco Fields Park, connecting to Beck Road, including approximately 600 feet of a 14-foot-wide boardwalk.

Traffic Control/Detours: N/A - Detour map attached as appendix

No detours or closures will be necessary for this project. A small area of the southwestern portion of Bosco Fields will be quartered-off for staging of contractor equipment.

Work Status:

All of the helical piers have been installed for the substructure of the boardwalk to include construction of the two boardwalk headwalls. Over the next week, the contractor will continue building the boardwalk, concentrating on finishing the rails. They have also began grading and excavating the pathway at both ends of the boardwalk in preparation for new asphalt pavement.



Novi Rd is **closed to northbound traffic** from Allen Dr to 9 Mile Rd for the duration of this project.

Northbound traffic should navigate around this closure using 8 Mile Rd to Beck Rd to 10 Mile Rd and back to Novi Rd.

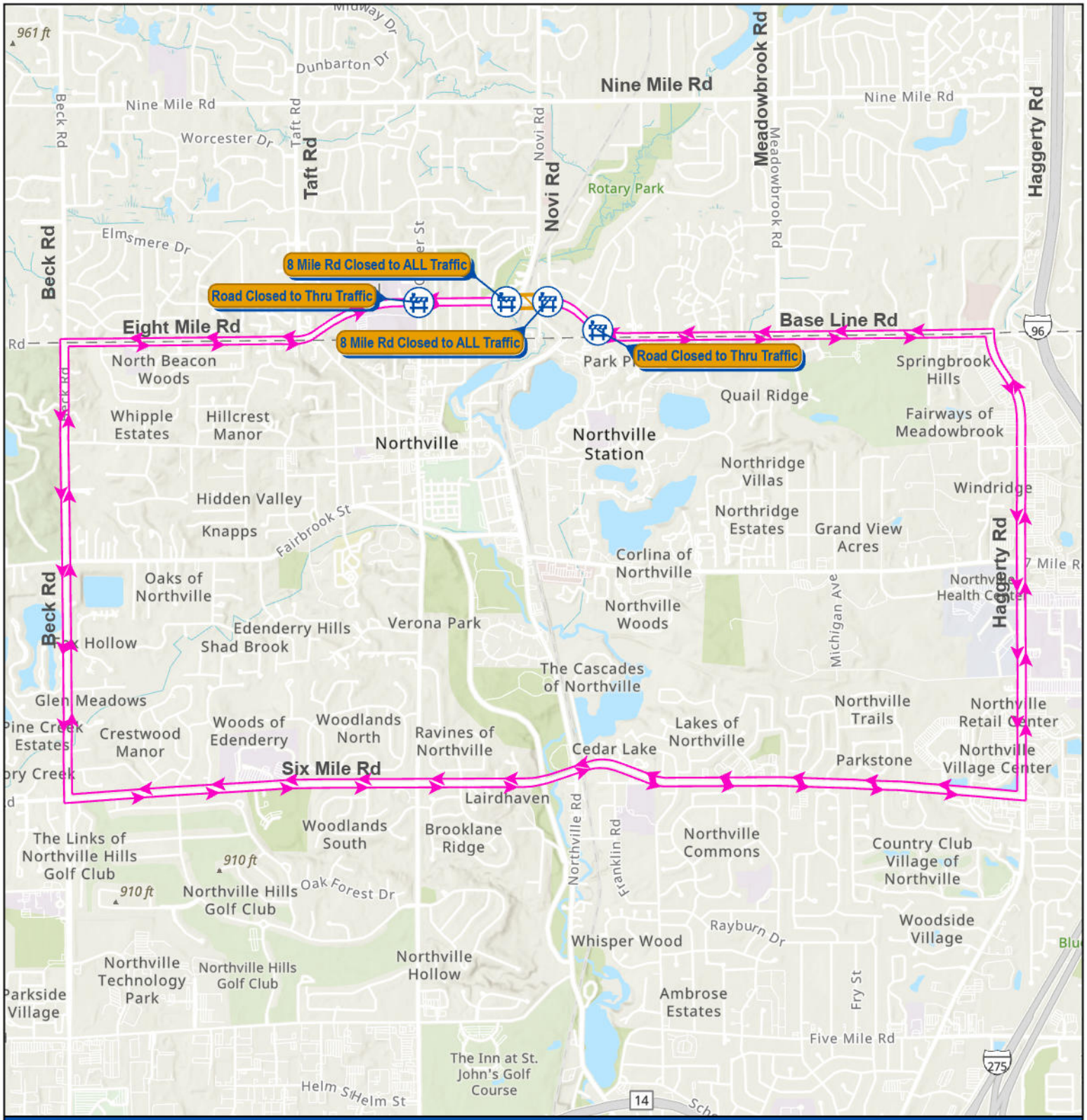
- Detour Route
- CLOSED to Traffic
- OPEN to Traffic

Novi Rd Reconstruction

Allen Dr to Nine Mile Rd

0 750 1,500 3,000 4,500 Feet

Map Print Date: 2/24/26
Map Author: K. Blough



8 Mile Rd/Base Line Rd over the CSX railroad tracks will be **closed to ALL traffic** for the duration of the project while the bridge repairs are underway.

The designated detour is 8 Mile Rd to Haggerty Rd to 6 Mile Rd to Beck Rd back to 8 Mile Rd and vice versa.

Detour Route

CLOSED to Traffic

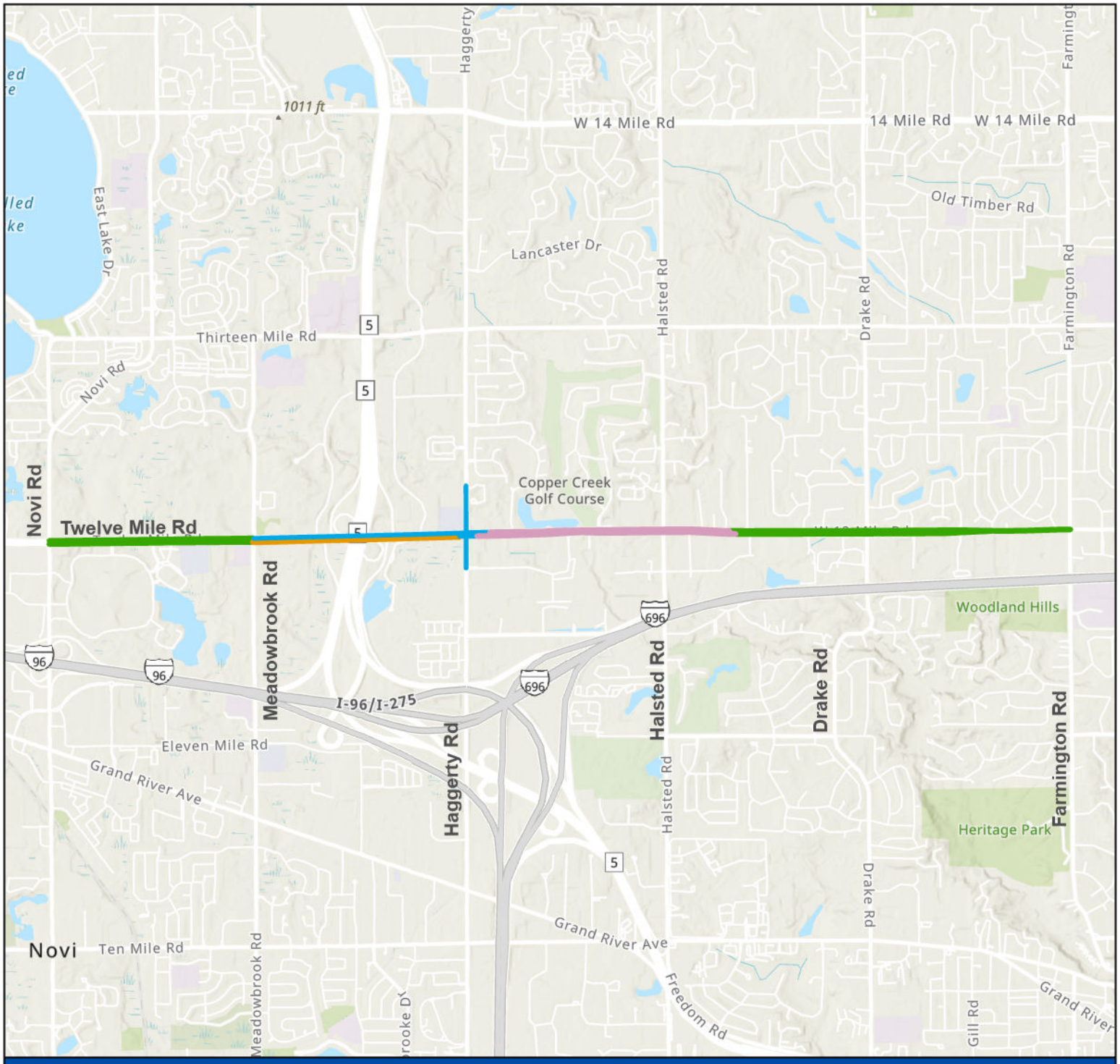
8 Mile Rd at CSX Railroad Bridge

Novi Rd to Brickscape Dr

0 1,500 3,000 6,000 9,000 Feet

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Map Author: K. Blough



Staging Plan

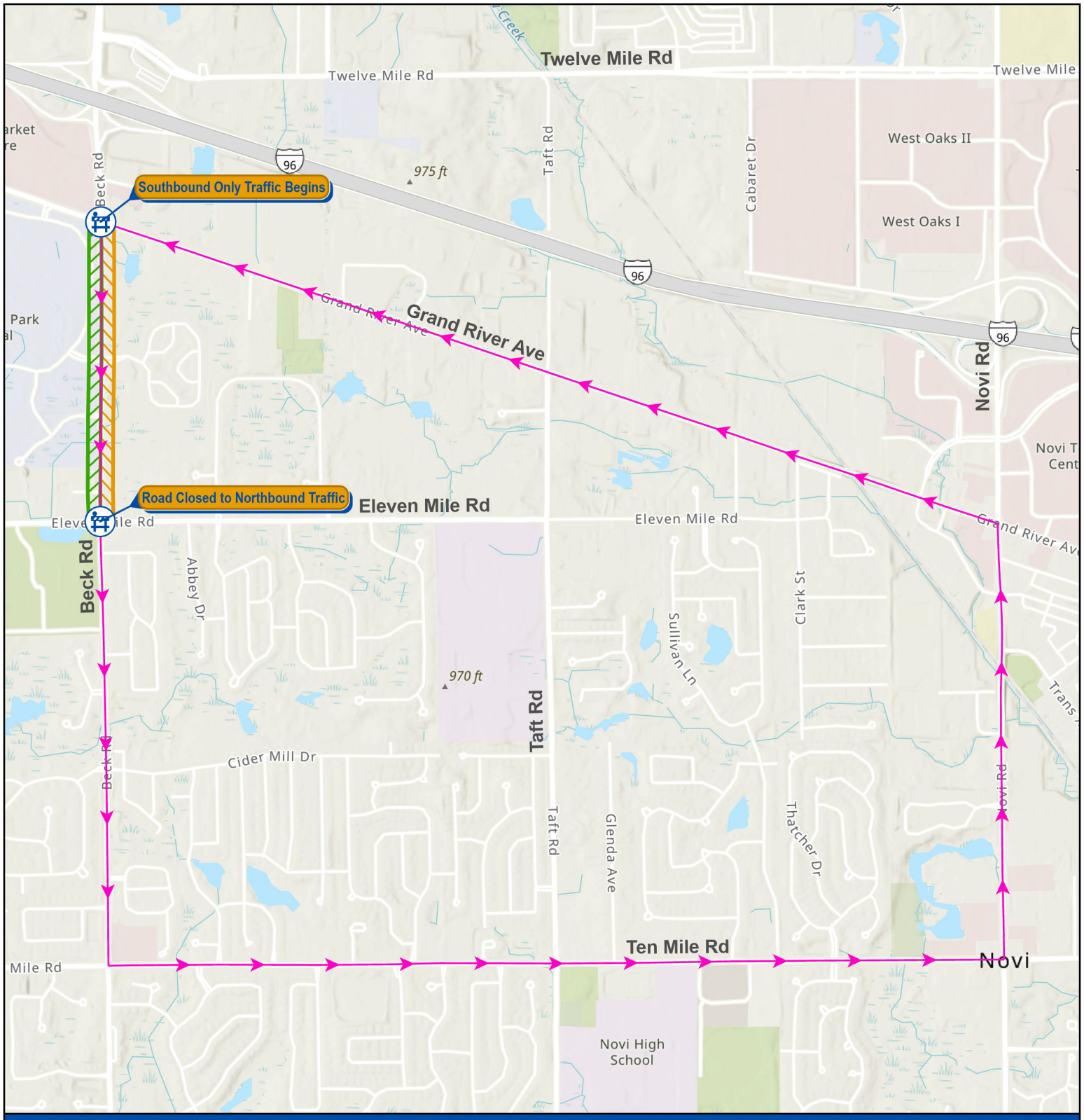
- Stage 1 (Summer 2026): Novi Rd to Meadowbrook Rd & Investment Dr to Farmington Rd
- Stage 2 (Fall 2026): Eastbound from Meadowbrook Rd to Haggerty Rd
- Stage 3 (Spring & Summer 2027): Westbound from Meadowbrook Rd to Haggerty Rd & Haggerty Rd Intersection
- Stage 4 (Fall 2027): Haggerty Rd to Investment Dr

Twelve Mile Rd Rehabilitation

Novi Rd to Farmington Rd

0 1,800 3,600 7,200 10,800 Feet

Map Print Date: 2/24/26
Map Author: K. Blough



Beck Rd is **closed to northbound traffic** from Eleven Mile Rd to Grand River Ave for the duration of this project.

Northbound traffic should navigate around this closure using 10 Mile Rd to Novi Rd to Grand River Ave and back to Beck Rd.

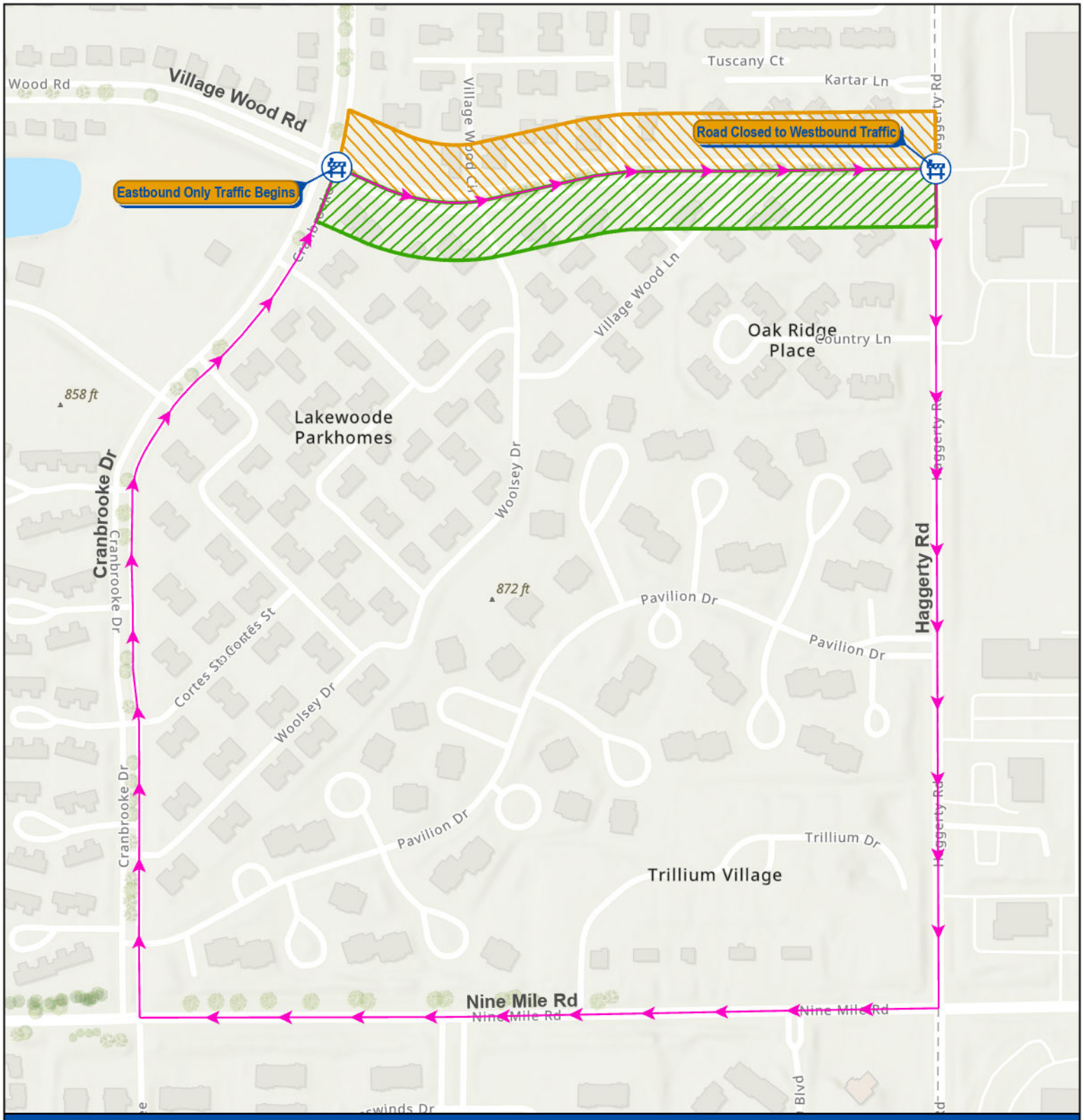
Detour Route
CLOSED to Traffic
OPEN to Traffic

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Beck Road Widening
11 Mile Rd to Grand River Ave

0 800 1,600 3,200 4,800 Feet

Map Print Date: 7/15/26
Map Author: J. Gartha



Village Wood Rd is **closed to westbound traffic** from Haggerty Rd to Cranbrooke Dr for the duration of this project.

Westbound traffic should navigate around this closure using Haggerty Rd to 9 Mile Rd to Cranbrooke Dr and back to Village Wood Rd.

- Detour Route
- CLOSED to Traffic
- OPEN to Traffic

CITY OF NOVI
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Village Wood Rd Reconstruction

Cranbrooke Dr to Haggerty Rd

0 175 350 700 1,050 Feet

Map Print Date: 2/23/26
Map Author: K. Blough

MEMORANDUM

TO: ERICK W. ZINSER
DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY/ CHIEF OF POLICE

FROM: ADAM ELSEN, LIEUTENANT

SUBJECT: 2026 STATE FAIR STAFFING

DATE: AUGUST 31, 2026

SYNOPSIS OF EVENT

The Vibe Credit Union Showplace (VCUS) will host the 2026 Michigan State Fair beginning with a charity preview night on Wednesday, September 2. The fair will be open to the public September 3–7 including Labor Day. A 5K race is scheduled Saturday, September 5, as part of the event.

EVENT DATES / TIMES

Wednesday, September 2:	4:00 pm to 9:30 pm
Thursday, September 3:	11:00 am to 8:00 pm
Friday, September 4:	11:00 am to 8:00 pm
Saturday, September 5:	10:00 am to 8:00 pm
Sunday, September 6:	10:00 am to 8:00 pm
Monday, September 7:	10:00 am to 8:00 pm

NOVI POLICE AND FIRE PERSONNEL COVERAGE

The Novi Police and Fire Departments will provide dedicated staffing to the State Fair to help ensure a high level of public safety throughout the event. Fire Captain Mark Theisen and Police Lieutenant Adam Elsen will be on site as Unified Command for the entire State Fair.

Novi Fire Department Coverage:

The Novi Fire Department will have two firefighters, in addition to Captain Theisen, on site Thursday through Monday from 11:00 am to 8:00 pm.

Police Personnel Coverage:

The Novi Police Department will have personnel on site throughout the State Fair with daily staffing ranging from 2-10 personnel each day, from 11:00 am to 8:00 pm, with increased staffing during peak attendance periods.

The Oakland County Sheriff's Office (OCSO) will provide 4-5 personnel, including mounted units, drone support, and patrol deputies to assist with fair operations Saturday through Monday. Assistance was requested from the Michigan State Police; however, they have not committed to providing troopers at this time.

OAKLAND TRANSIT

2025 PROGRESS REPORT





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1 INTRODUCTION

A MESSAGE FROM DAVID COULTER
Oakland County Executive

The past three years of dedicated coordination from the Oakland County Transit Division has created a reliable public transportation system that responds to the diverse needs of our county's residents. Access to high-quality transportation services throughout the community is a necessity for residents in Oakland County, and the historic growth Oakland Transit has seen in the last three years is a testament to the increased demand for public transportation in our community.

This annual report illustrates the progress Oakland Transit's five contracted transit providers have seen since the passage of Oakland County's Public Transportation Millage in 2022. Thanks to Oakland Transit's five transit providers, including the North Oakland Transportation Authority (NOTA), OPC Social & Activity Center (OPC), People's Express (PEX), Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation (SMART) and Western Oakland Transportation Authority (WOTA), more residents are choosing to ride public transportation than ever before.

This report also indicates a future of continued expansion and transit service enhancement. This includes the development of Oakland County's Community Transit Plan, which is built upon public input and will serve as a framework for the future of public transit in Oakland County. Oakland Transit's Access to Transit Program, which awards funding to local projects that make travel to and from transit service stops safer for pedestrians, continues to be a valuable opportunity for communities to invest in transit-oriented infrastructure, creating safer and more accessible transit experiences for riders.

This robust network of public transportation ensures Oakland County continues to be a thriving destination for students looking to complete their degrees in higher education, professionals looking to build their careers and families looking for a place to settle down. Oakland Transit connects our residents with the resources and opportunities they need to succeed.

With Sincere Appreciation,

David Coulter



A MESSAGE FROM DAVID T. WOODWARD

Chairman, Oakland County Board of Commissioners

This report marks another great year of progress for better public transit in Oakland County. In 2025 Oakland County maintained funding for a base level of transit service in every community across the county. More people are getting to more destinations, more frequently than ever before.

Our county's local economy is stronger because of the improvements in our transit services this past year. Our local communities are more connected than ever. And we're reminded, whether you individually use transit options available or not, many we rely on depend on it every day. Ridership continues to rise, new routes are being developed, plans for higher frequency on fixed routes are in development, and more transit improvements are coming to residents, workers, patients and students who will benefit from these expansions.

Oakland Transit continues to support transit improvements across the county, working closely with the Board's Oakland Transit Ad Hoc Committee. Oakland County concluded the year finalizing the implementation of a strategic Oakland County Community Transit Plan providing a road map for future improvements.

This annual report shows the progress we've made. We all look forward on building on this success going forward.



A MESSAGE FROM DOM L. HOLMES

Director, Oakland County Economic Development

Public transportation is a foundational component of economic development, workforce accessibility and quality of life. The 2025 Oakland Transit Annual Report illustrates that when accessible and affordable public transportation services are available, residents are eager to utilize them. Since the passage of the Oakland County Public Transportation millage, our local and regional transit providers have continued to expand and enhance their operations to meet Oakland County's growing ridership demand.

This coordinated effort, led by the Oakland Transit Division and supported by the taxpayers of Oakland County, has improved all residents' ability to access local businesses, places of employment and social services, creating a more connected region for all.

This Annual Report is not only a reflection of three years of growth, but a foundation for continued transit service enhancement in the future. The Community Transit Plan and Access to Transit Program build upon the momentum of the past three years and ensure all residents are positively impacted by public transportation services in the community.

Thank you for your ongoing support as we continue to expand and improve public transportation services across Oakland County.

OAKLAND COUNTY TRANSIT AD HOC COMMITTEE

The Oakland County Transit Ad Hoc Committee was formed on April 23, 2023, to ensure funds from the Oakland County Public Transportation Millage are efficiently and effectively utilized.

Since its formation, the Transit Ad Hoc Committee has worked to expand transit services to cover all of Oakland County and has supported the growth of each transit provider as they expand their fleets and teams to accommodate the growing demand for transit services in the community.

2025-28 COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP INCLUDES:



Commissioner
Brendan Johnson, Chair
District 4



Commissioner
David T. Woodward
District 1



Commissioner
Angela Powell,
Vice Chair
District 19



Commissioner
Michael J. Gingell
District 6



Commissioner
Marcia Gershenson
District 11



Commissioner
Philip J. Weipert
District 13

2025 BY THE NUMBERS

4,154,652
Oakland County Transit Rides.
Note: Includes estimated Local Provider rides and SMART Fixed Route and Demand Response rides in Oakland County.

15,334
"This Ride's on Us" Veteran's Program Rides.

$65,861,560
Total Funding from Oakland County Public Transportation Millage.

$39,175,227
Additional Transit Funding (Federal, State and Local Sources).

87
New Employees since 2024:

- NOTA: 15
- OPC: 13
- PEX: 21
- SMART: 13
- WOTA: 25

23
New vehicles purchased (Local Providers):

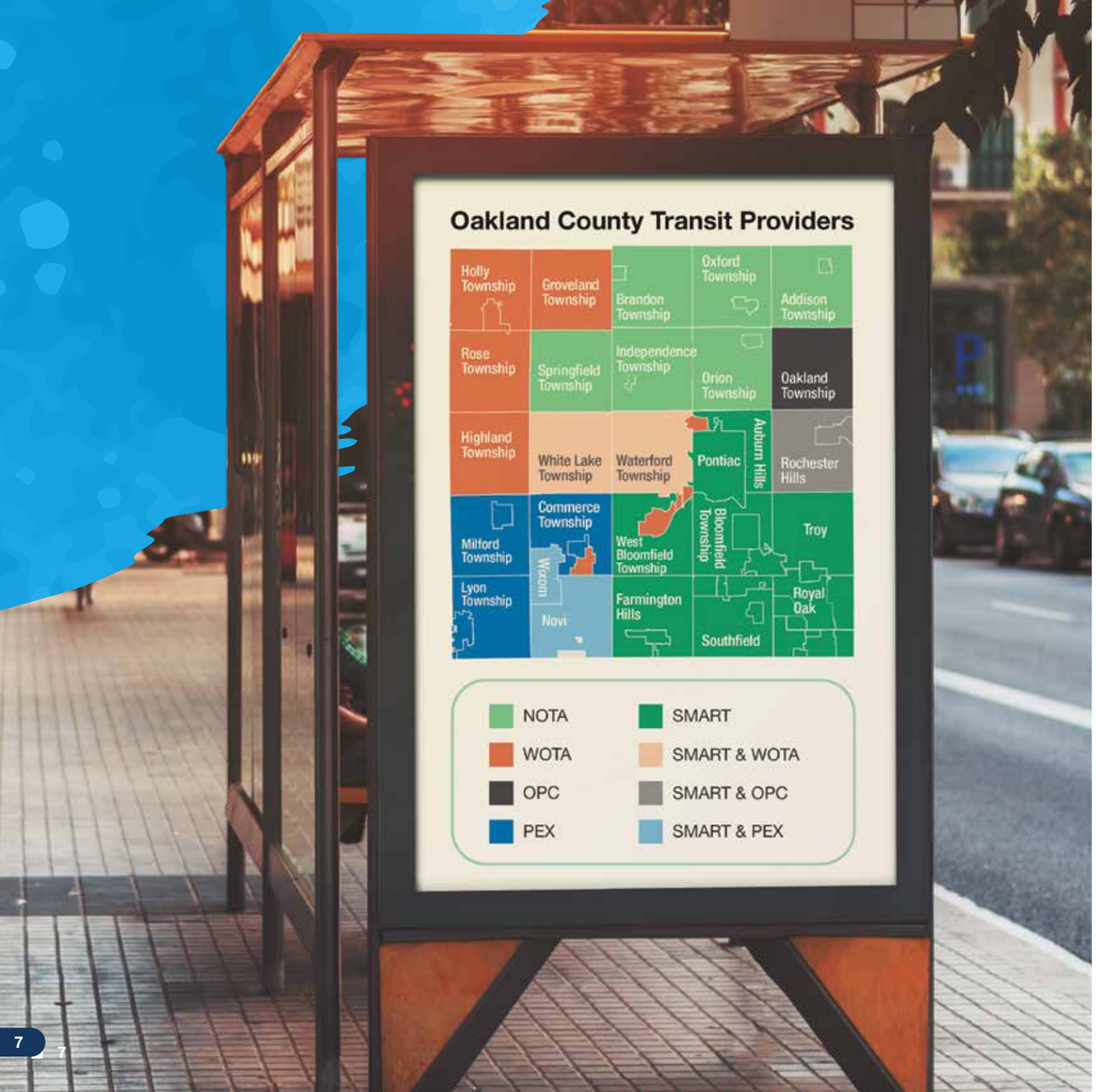
- NOTA: 5
- OPC: 3
- PEX: 15

Local Providers:

- **5,019,797** Vehicle Miles driven in 2025
- **10,648,739** Vehicle Miles driven since 2023 (including 2025)

SMART:

- **15,539,110** Vehicle Miles driven in 2025
- **44,198,902** Vehicle Miles driven since 2023 (including 2025)



2 TRANSIT PROVIDERS

Oakland County contracts a total of five transit providers to serve the community. Oakland County's local transit providers include the North Oakland Transportation Authority (NOTA), OPC Social & Activity Center (OPC), People's Express (PEX) and Western Oakland Transportation Authority (WOTA). The Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation (SMART) serves as Oakland County's regional transit provider.

Thanks to the collaboration and year-over-year (YoY) growth of each transit provider, residents across Oakland County have the freedom to independently move around their community, accessing places of employment, health care services and local community centers.

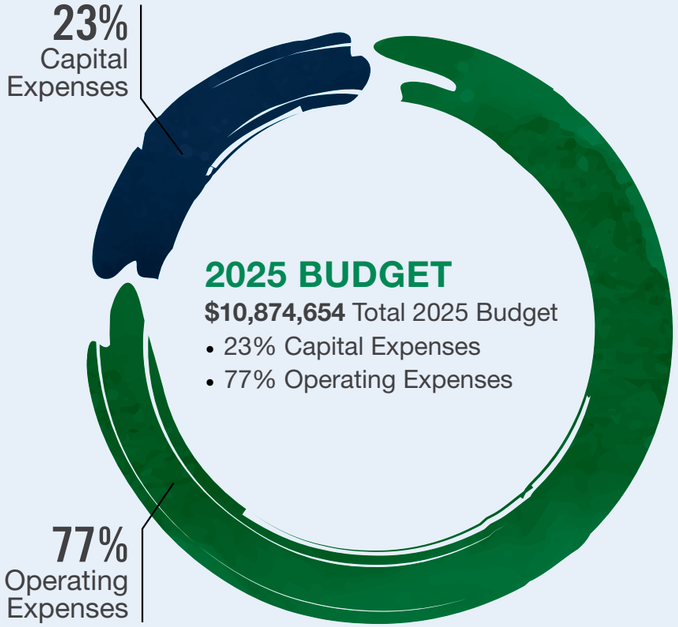
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NORTH OAKLAND TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY (NOTA)

RideNOTA.org >



The North Oakland Transportation Authority serves the residents of Addison Township, Brandon Township, Clarkson, Independence Township, Lake Orion, Leonard, Orion Township, Ortonville, Oxford Township, Oxford Village and Springfield Township. NOTA provides services to all residents, with priority given to people with disabilities, seniors aged 55 and older, veterans, and low-income individuals.



2025 BUDGET

$10,874,654 Total 2025 Budget

- 23% Capital Expenses
- 77% Operating Expenses

> "I had a stroke two years ago and I called NOTA. It's affordable to take me where I want to go. It's a great service; I wouldn't make it without them. It's a great help to me and if anybody needs service, please call NOTA because they will help you out. It's the best thing going on around here."
>
> **—CLIFFORD ADAMS**

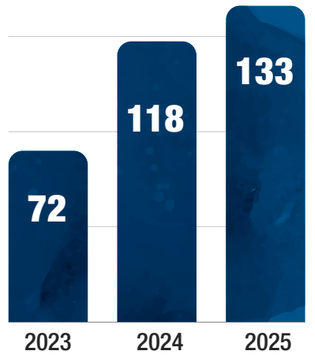
THREE YEAR GROWTH

NOTA provided **160%** more rides in 2025 than in 2022. Since the passage of the Oakland County Public Transportation Millage, NOTA's service area has grown **98%** due to expansion.

Year	New Hires	Total
2023	37	72
2024	46	118
2025	15	133

Since contracting with Oakland Transit, NOTA's team has increased by **259%.**

NOTA TEAM GROWTH (2023-2025)



DEMAND RESPONSE

106,022
rides in 2025

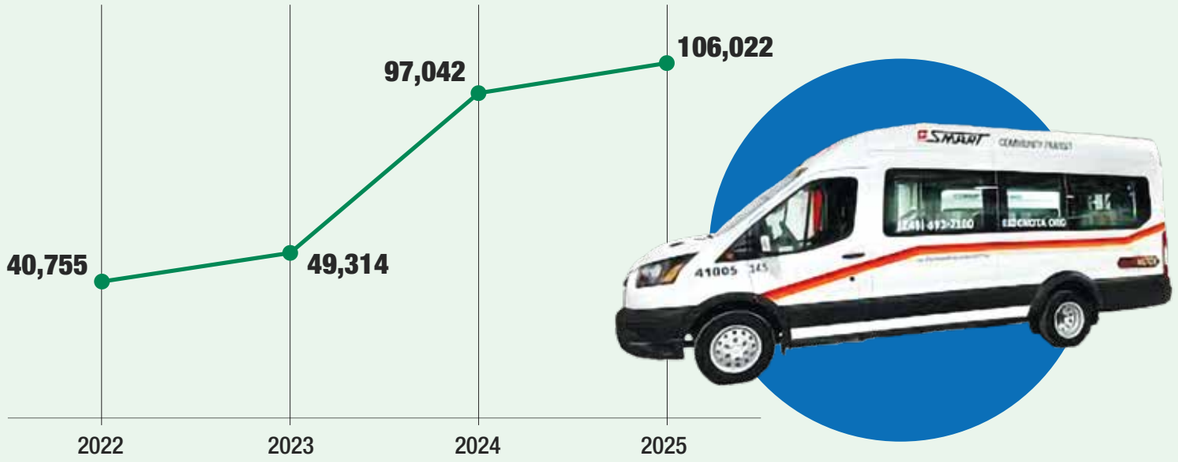
11%
more rides than 2024

63
Fleet Vehicles

Year	# of Fleet Vehicles	# of Rides	YoY %
2022	24	40,755	No Data
2023	34	49,314	21%
2024	61	97,042	97%
2025	63	106,022	9%

Note: All 2022 ridership numbers are best estimates from information provided by the Local Transit Providers.

NUMBER OF NOTA RIDES (2022-2025)



Note: All 2022 ridership numbers are best estimates from information provided by the Local Transit Providers.

2025 QUICK STATS

Among NOTA riders:

35% are individuals with disabilities.

40% are individuals aged 55+.

15% are individuals who are both 55+ and have a disability.

> "I've been riding NOTA since 2005. They've helped me so much. I don't know what I'd do without them."
>
> —RACHEL OAKES



> "I had to go through an ankle replacement surgery twice this year, which required me to go to physical therapy. In doing so, my wife would have to take vacation time to bring me here. NOTA has provided me the opportunity to come back and forth to my physical therapy sessions without interrupting my wife's vacation time, which is hugely important to us."
>
> —JERRY

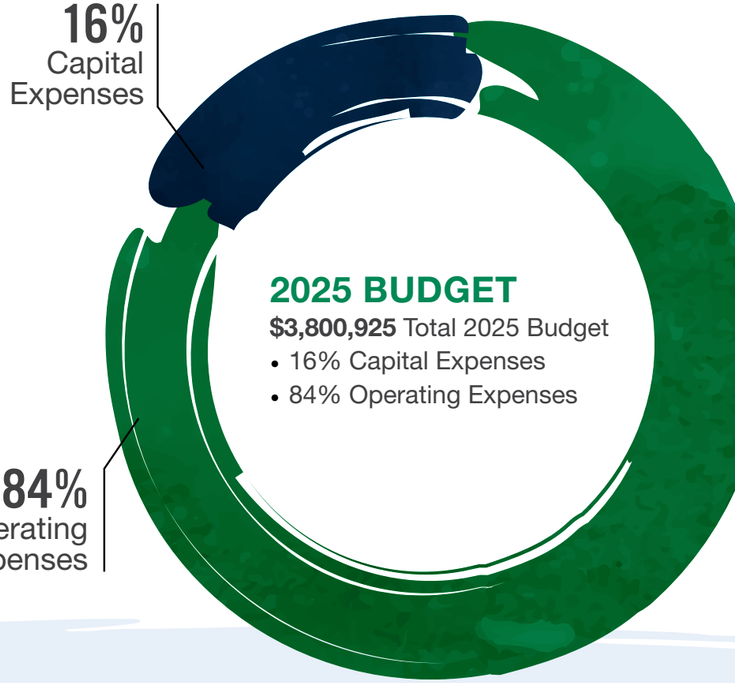
OPC SOCIAL & ACTIVITY CENTER (OPC)

OPCTransportation.org >



The OPC Social & Activity Center serves the residents of Oakland Township, Rochester and Rochester Hills. OPC provides transportation services to all residents, with priority given to people with disabilities, seniors aged 55 and older, veterans, and low-income individuals.

> "I love the transportation, helping with my grocery shopping and coming to OPC. I don't know what I'd do without it."
>
> —**OPC RIDER**



THREE YEAR GROWTH

OPC provided **90%** more rides in 2025 than in 2022. In 2025, OPC hired **11** new employees, including **10** drivers.

Year	New Hires
2023	4
2024	7
2025	11

Since contracting with Oakland Transit, OPC's team has increased by **69%.**



DEMAND RESPONSE

54,780
rides in 2025

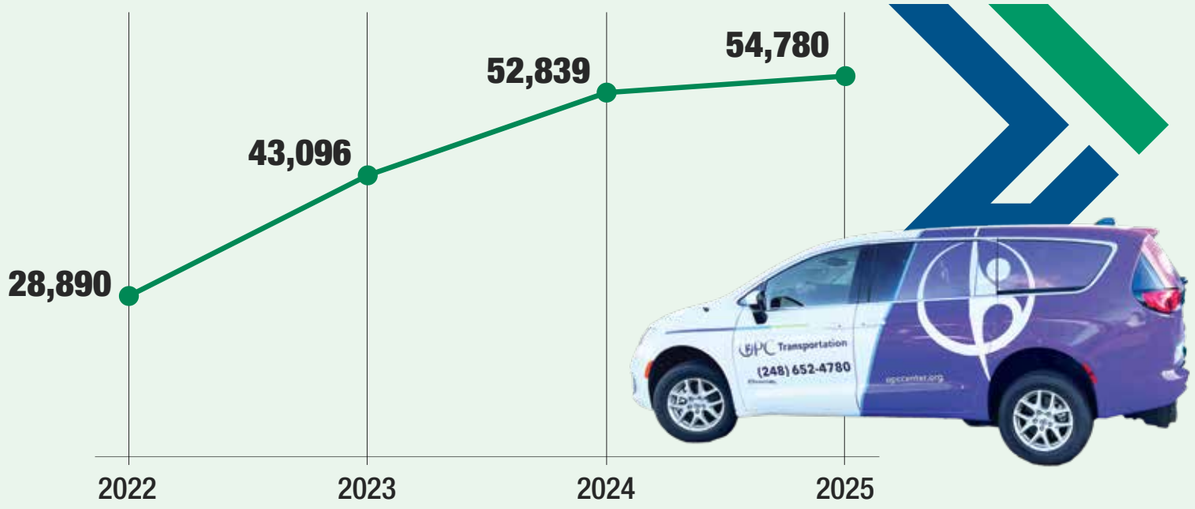
5%
more rides than 2024

37
Fleet Vehicles

Year	# of Fleet Vehicles	# of Rides	YoY %
2022	24	28,890	No Data
2023	26	43,096	49%
2024	33	52,839	22%
2025	37	54,780	4%

Note: All 2022 ridership numbers are best estimates from information provided by the Local Transit Providers.

NUMBER OF OPC RIDES (2022-2025)



Note: All 2022 ridership numbers are best estimates from information provided by the Local Transit Providers.

> "OPC Transportation has been a blessing in my life. First, it's very inexpensive, it also saves me the trouble of having to ask for rides. It gets me out every day. I can go to my doctors, my dentist and any appointments I may have. I just enjoy coming to OPC!"
>
> **—OPC RIDER**



2025 QUICK STATS

Among OPC riders:

13% are individuals with disabilities.

39% are individuals aged 55+.

19% are individuals who are both 55+ and have a disability.

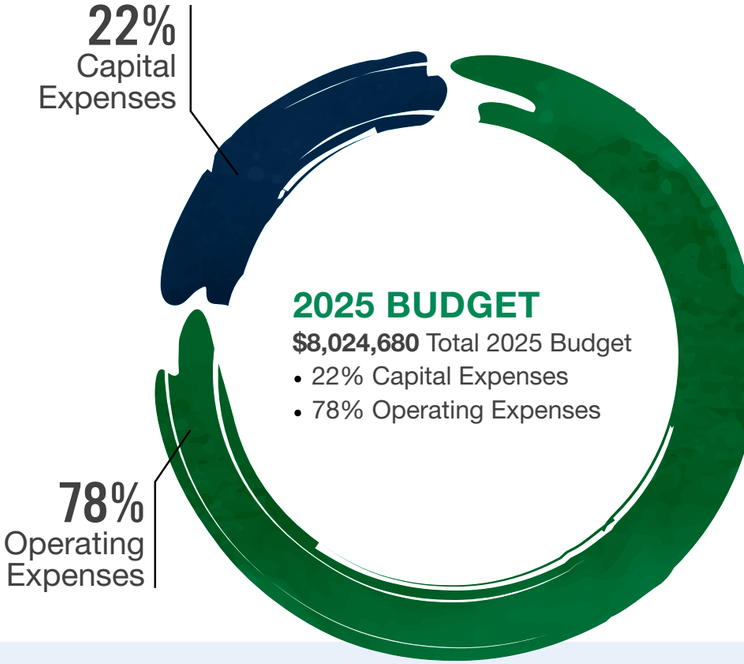
PEOPLE'S EXPRESS (PEX)

PeoplesExpressMI.com >

People's Express serves the residents of Commerce Township, Lyon Township, Milford, Milford Township, Novi, South Lyon, Wixom and Wolverine Lake. People's Express provides transportation services to all residents, with priority given to people with disabilities, seniors aged 55 and older, veterans, and low-income individuals.



> "The expansion into Oakland County has made a tremendous impact for both our clients and People's Express. Riders can now travel farther than ever before while still maintaining an affordable rate, making it much easier to attend specialized doctor appointments, dialysis treatments, and other essential services that may not be available close to home."
>
> **—SHIANNE, DISPATCH LEAD**



2025 BUDGET

$8,024,680 Total 2025 Budget

- 22% Capital Expenses
- 78% Operating Expenses

THREE YEAR GROWTH

People's Express provided **539%** more rides in 2025 than in 2022. Since the passage of the Oakland County Public Transportation Millage, PEX's service area has grown **59%** and now includes coverage in Novi.

Year	New Hires
2023	22
2024	30
2025	21

Since contracting with Oakland Transit, PEX's team has increased by **135%**.



DEMAND RESPONSE

98,048
rides in 2025

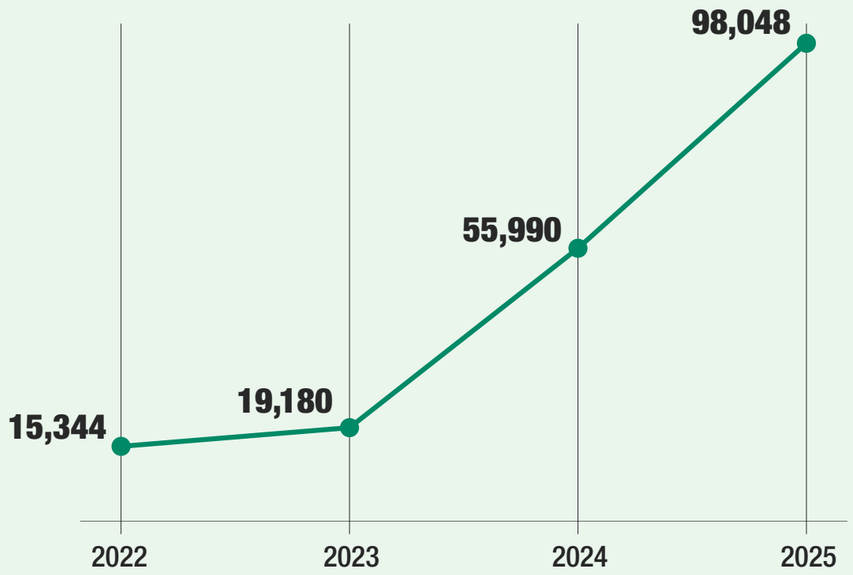
75%
more rides than 2024

51
Fleet Vehicles

Year	# of Fleet Vehicles	# of Rides	YoY %
2022	No Data	15,344	No Data
2023	15	19,180	25%
2024	30	55,990	192%
2025	51	98,048	75%

Note: All 2022 ridership numbers are best estimates from information provided by the Local Transit Providers.

NUMBER OF PEX RIDES (2022-2025)



Note: All 2022 ridership numbers are best estimates from information provided by the Local Transit Providers.

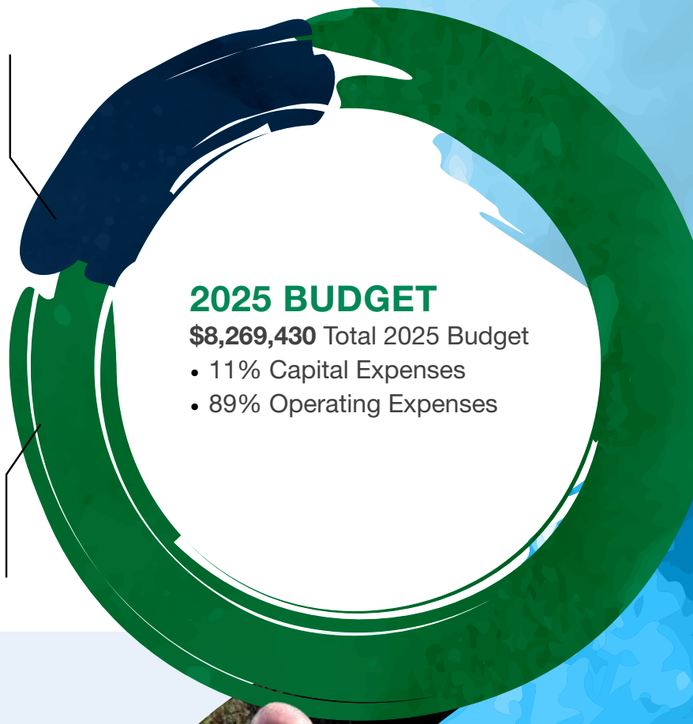
> "In nearly six years with People's Express, I've watched this organization grow tremendously. When I first started, we didn't have Oakland County millage and today, that expansion has allowed our team to grow right along with it, enabling us to serve even more people in the community."
>
> **—JESSICA, DISPATCH SUPERVISOR**



WESTERN OAKLAND TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY (WOTA)

RideWOTA.org >





2025 BUDGET

$8,269,430 Total 2025 Budget

- 11% Capital Expenses
- 89% Operating Expenses

The Western Oakland Transportation Authority serves the residents of Groveland Township, Highland, Holly Township, Holly Village, Keego Harbor, Lake Angelus, Orchard Lake Village, Rose Township, Sylvan Lake, Walled Lake, Waterford and White Lake. WOTA provides services to all residents, with priority given to people with disabilities, seniors aged 55 and older, veterans, and low-income individuals.



THREE YEAR GROWTH

WOTA provided **216%** more rides in 2025 than in 2022. Since the passage of the Oakland County Public Transportation Millage, WOTA's service area has grown **23%** by population.

Year	New Hires
2023	20
2024	27
2025	25

Since contracting with Oakland Transit, WOTA's team has increased by **300%.**



DEMAND RESPONSE

101,538
rides in 2025

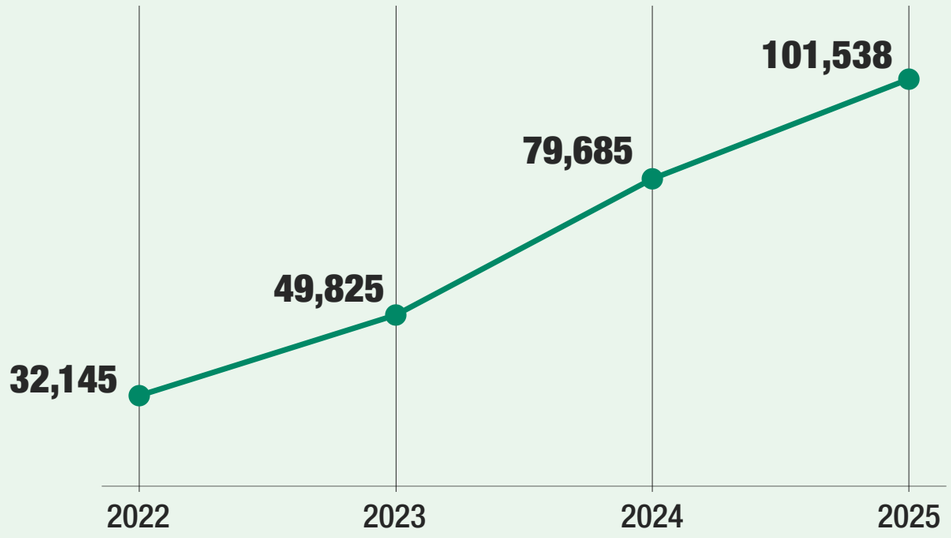
27%
more rides than 2024

60
Fleet Vehicles

Year	# of Vehicles	# of Rides	YoY %
2022	21	32,145	No Data
2023	33	49,825	55%
2024	58	79,685	60%
2025	60	101,538	27%

Note: All 2022 ridership numbers are best estimates from information provided by the Local Transit Providers.

NUMBER OF WOTA RIDES (2022-2025)



Note: All 2022 ridership numbers are best estimates from information provided by the Local Transit Providers.

> "WOTA was the Godsend we needed during the most challenging time in my life. As a nurse, I needed to be able to get to and from work; WOTA made sure I was able to keep my job. They took me to all my doctor's appointments, so my husband didn't have to miss work. WOTA carried a heavy burden for us. And for that, I will always for grateful."
>
> —JESSICA



2025 QUICK STATS

Among WOTA riders:

21% are individuals with disabilities.

37% are individuals aged 55+.

28% are individuals who are both 55+ and have a disability.

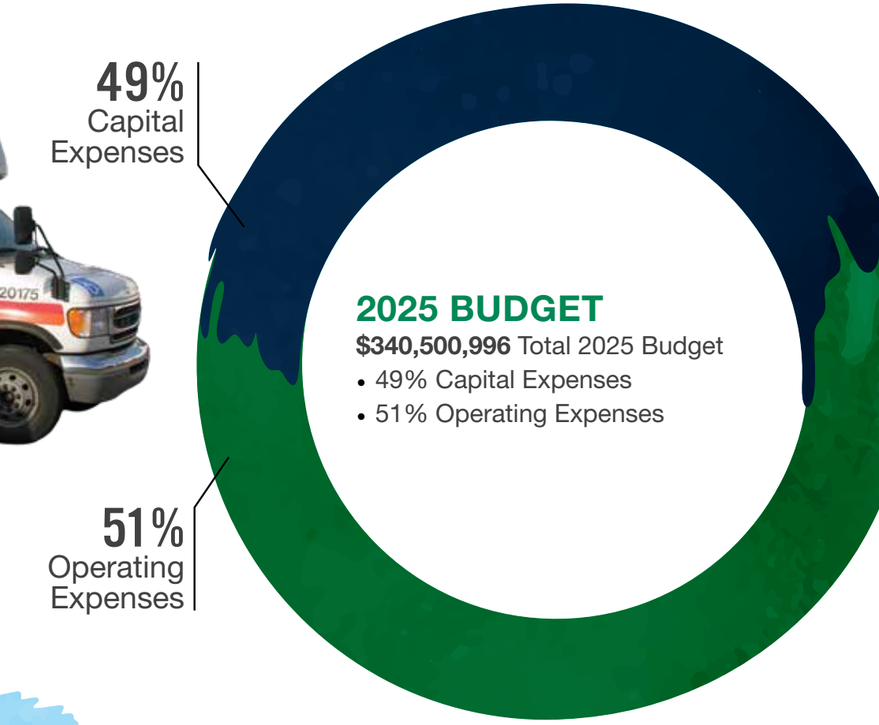
SUBURBAN MOBILITY AUTHORITY FOR REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION (SMART)

SmartBus.org >





SMART provides a variety of public transit services to residents across Oakland, Macomb and Wayne counties. All residents are eligible to ride fixed-route and Flex services, with priority given to people with disabilities, seniors aged 55 and older and veterans for SMART Paratransit Services. SMART also offers ADA Service to residents within fixed route service areas.



2025 BUDGET

$340,500,996 Total 2025 Budget

- 49% Capital Expenses
- 51% Operating Expenses

THREE YEAR GROWTH

SMART provided **19%** more rides in 2025 than in 2022. Since the passage of the Oakland County Public Transportation Millage, SMART's service area has grown **41%**.



FIXED ROUTE SERVICE

7,116,563

rides systemwide (including Oakland, Macomb and Wayne County) in 2025

1%

more rides than 2024

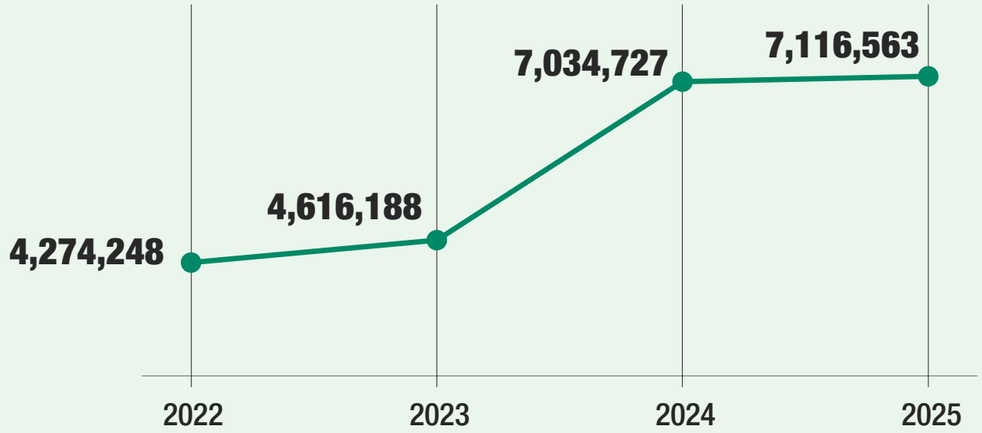
Year	# of Rides	YoY %
2022	4,274,248	No data
2023	4,616,188	8%
2024	7,034,727	8.6%*
2025	7,116,563	1%

**Note: 2022 and 2023 ridership numbers based on fare box collection data. Using 2024 and 2025 collection methods, SMART had an estimated 6,480,000 rides in 2023.*





NUMBER OF FIXED ROUTE SMART RIDES (2022-2025)



DEMAND RESPONSE

127,105
rides in Oakland County in 2025

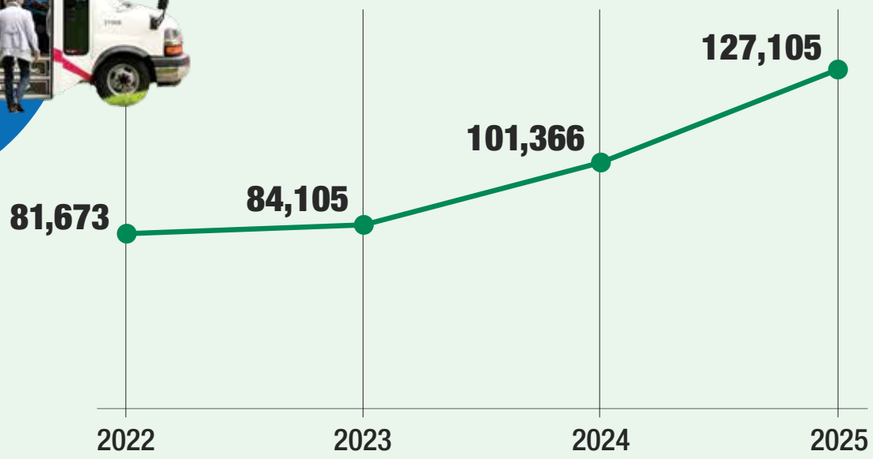
25%
more rides than 2024

Year	Number of Countywide Rides	YoY %
2022	81,673	NA
2023	84,105	3%
2024	101,366	21%
2025	127,105	25%

Note: Ridership numbers in Oakland County are estimated.



NUMBER OF DEMAND RESPONSE SMART RIDES COUNTYWIDE (2022-2025)





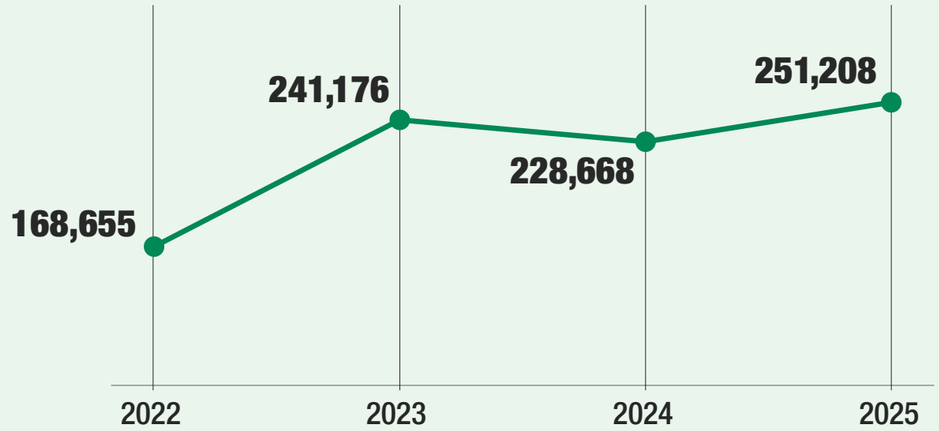
SMART FLEX (MICROTRANSIT)

251,208
rides in Oakland County in 2025

10%
more rides than 2024

Year	# of Rides	YoY %
2022	168,655	No data
2023	241,176	43%
2024	228,668	-5%
2025	251,208	10%

NUMBER OF SMART FLEX RIDES (2022-2025)



3 COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT & PARTNERSHIPS



ACCESS TO TRANSIT PROGRAM

Oakland Transit's Access to Transit Program was launched to address what is often referred to as the "first mile/last mile" problem, the series of challenges related to access and safety as pedestrians travel to and from public transit stops. All Oakland County cities, villages and townships are eligible to apply for the Access to Transit program. The projects chosen make transit stops safer to access and more comfortable for waiting riders, ultimately enhancing the experience of accessing transit services for all riders.

In 2024, the first year of the Access to Transit Program, six projects were awarded funding, representing $777,500 in county contributions and generating a total investment of nearly $1.8 million.

THESE PROJECTS SUPPORTED:

- **Beverly Hills:** Intersection Safety Study
- **Birmingham:** Bus Stop Enhancements
- **Clawson:** North Main Street Corridor Safety Improvements
- **Farmington:** Bus Stop Enhancements
- **Rochester Hills:** Pedestrian Pathway Connection
- **Southfield:** Pedestrian Bridge Crossing

In 2025, a total of $2 million was budgeted from the Oakland County Public Transportation Millage to award to the second round of Access to Transit program projects, fostering safer access to NOTA, OPC, People's Express, SMART and WOTA services.

COMMUNITY TRANSIT PLAN

The Oakland County Community Transit Plan (CTP) was developed by Oakland Transit and HNTB to serve as a framework for expanding and improving public transportation services throughout Oakland County.

The Community Transit Plan outlines effective strategies and recommendations for future growth and service improvements to implement across Oakland County's Community Service Area. The Plan assesses the current conditions of the county's transit services and details the standard of service that the Oakland Transit Division will work towards over the next several years.

Public Engagement:
The CTP Project Team consulted with the public, as well as key stakeholders, to develop the Plan's framework and ensure the priorities of the CTP align with public's interest. Three phases of public engagement were planned during the development of the CTP.



Phase 1 of public engagement took place throughout 2024. Engagement efforts included:
- Focus groups,
- Steering Committee meetings,
- Pop-up events,
- Virtual public meetings, and a
- Public survey.

The two virtual public meetings were held on November 14, 2024, resulting a total of 78 attendees, who had the chance to provide feedback on the draft goals of the CTP.

Phase 2 of public engagement took place throughout 2025. To generate additional feedback on the proposed service models of the CTP, engagement efforts included:
- Virtual public meetings,
- Stakeholder meetings,
- Community events,
- Public survey, and a
- Steering Committee meeting.

The key takeaways of the Phase 2 public engagement efforts were used to inform changes made to the draft Community Transit Plan. Phase 3 of public engagement will inform changes to the final draft of the Community Transit Plan in 2026.

SMARTER MOBILITY PROGRAM

In 2023, SMART launched the SMARTer Mobility Program, an initiative to evaluate the effectiveness of their services across Oakland, Macomb and Wayne counties and develop a framework to enhance the quality of their services. The SMARTer Network was developed through the Mobility Program over a two-year public engagement and planning process to offer faster, more reliable, and better-connected services across the region.

In 2025:
- The final rounds of public engagement on the SMARTer Network were held in July and August.
- The SMARTer Network Mobility Study Final Report was published in September.

Visit Smarter-Mobility.org/Mobility-Study to view the SMARTer Network Mobility Study Final Report and the SMARTer Network.



> I really appreciate WOTA honoring veterans and letting us ride for free. All the drivers are so kind and dependable! I would recommend WOTA to all the residents!"
>
> **—RUSS, WWII VETERAN**

Russ is a WWII veteran who served in the Pacific on an aircraft carrier. It was his first time seeing an ocean. WOTA provides free rides to veterans through the "This Ride's on Us" program.



"THIS RIDE'S ON US" PROGRAM

Launched in June 2024, the "This Ride's on Us" program offers free, door-to-door public transportation for veterans and their caregivers. The program improves the quality of life for Oakland County's 53,000 veterans, many of whom are aged 65+ and face mobility challenges. Veterans can schedule medical appointments, personal care tasks and social outings thanks to the service provided by Oakland County's transit service providers, NOTA, OPC, People's Express, SMART and WOTA.

By addressing mobility barriers and offering these comprehensive transportation options, this initiative increases veterans' ability to be independent and boosts their mental well-being. Originally set to conclude in September 2024, the program was renewed until September 2025. Understanding the deep value of this initiative, the "This Ride's on Us" program was extended by Oakland Transit through 2025 and into 2026, marking the start of the second full year of the program.

Veterans, their dependents and caregivers can schedule rides through the "This Ride's on Us" program by calling their local transit provider with proof of service, such as DD214 discharge papers or a Veteran ID.

For more information, visit
OakGov.com/Veterans

COMMUNITY OUTREACH STRATEGY

As a part of Oakland County's ongoing efforts to enhance transit services across the county, Oakland Transit maintains a partnership with Qualtrics to develop regularly updated surveys for transit riders and general members of the community. These surveys gather feedback on riders' experiences, unmet mobility needs and resident priorities for future service enhancements.

Two primary types of surveys have been developed by the Oakland Transit and Qualtrics Teams:

- Community Surveys target all members of the Oakland County, regardless of if they regularly use transit services, to measure the community's awareness of transit services and identify barriers preventing transit use.
- Ridership Surveys are posted in transit vehicles to give riders an opportunity to share their feedback on the quality of transit service they received, giving Oakland County's providers the opportunity to efficiently respond to rider concerns as they arise.

In addition to the Community and Ridership Surveys, Qualtrics worked with Oakland Transit to develop a survey to collect feedback on the Community Transit Plan. A total of 8,632 responses were collected among the Community, Ridership and Community Transit Plan Surveys in 2025.

The data collected from the 2025 Ridership Surveys indicated that over 90% of riders in Oakland County rated their public transportation experience, including the ease of scheduling the ride and interacting with the driver, as "Excellent" or "Very Good".

Comments received from the Ridership and Community surveys indicated four core values of public transit in Oakland County, including:

- Enhances access to stable employment and financial independence,
- Connects residents with medical care,
- Increases social interactions, and
- Provides financial relief.

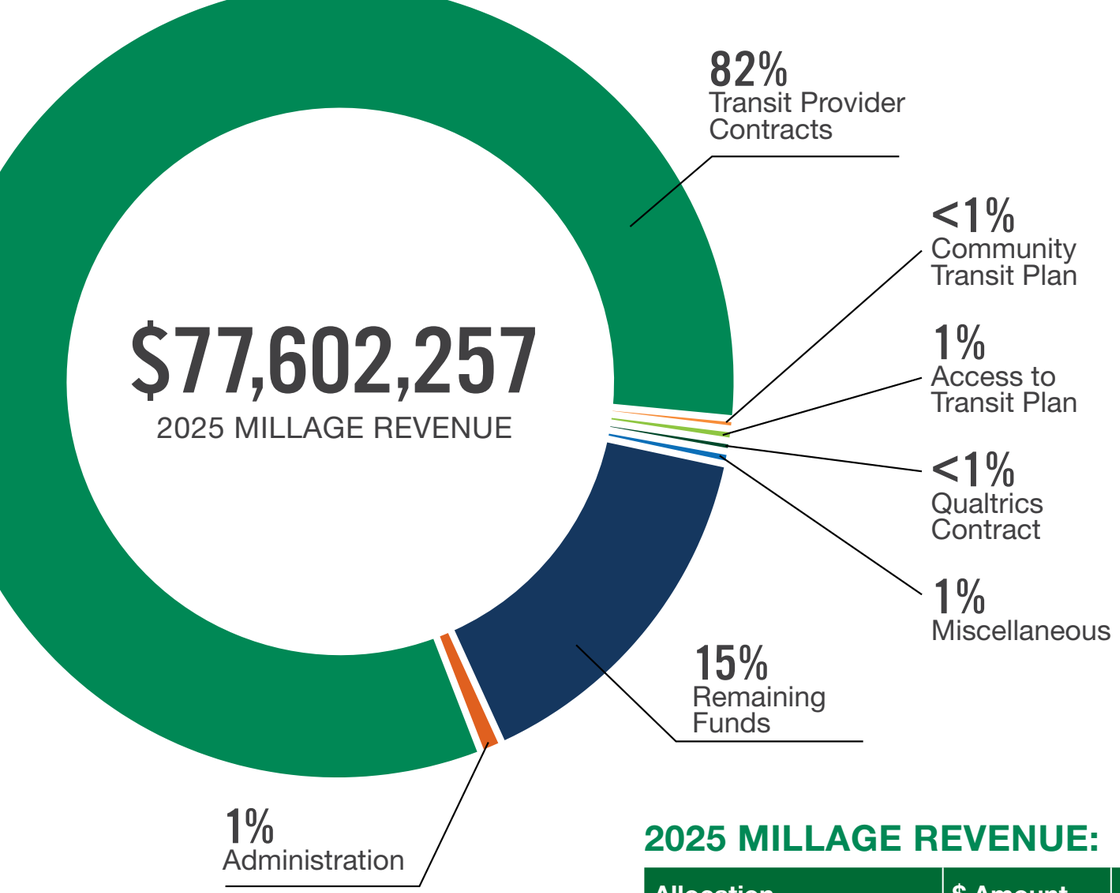
The feedback received from surveys supports a growing database for Oakland Transit to reference as long-term priorities are developed and short-term projects, like the Community Transit Plan and the SMARTer Mobility Plan, are implemented.





4 FUNDING

Funding collected through the Oakland County Public Transportation Millage in 2025 amounted to $77,602,257, with about $63,546,501 spent on transit provider contracts. This allocation of funds reflects Oakland County's ongoing commitment to enhancing and expanding transportation services for the benefit of all residents.

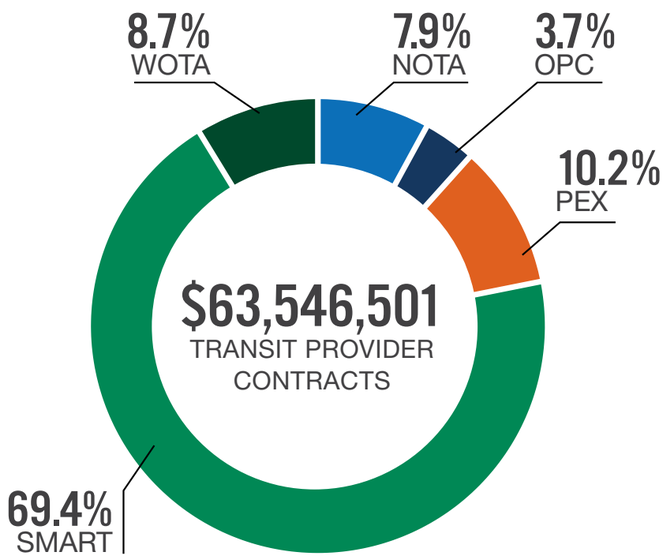


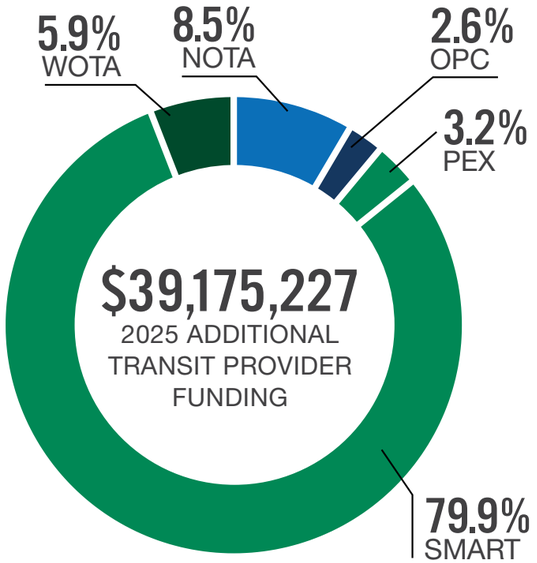
2025 MILLAGE REVENUE:

Allocation	$ Amount	%
Administration	$730,831	1%
Transit Provider Contracts	$65,861,560	82%
Community Transit Plan	$331,270	<1%
Access to Transit Program	$388,750	1%
Qualtrics Contract	$343,550	<1%
Miscellaneous	$408,379	1%
Remaining Funds	$11,852,975	15%
TOTAL:	**$77,602,257**	**100%**

TRANSIT PROVIDER CONTRACTS:

Provider	Contract Amount
NOTA	$5,050,949
OPC	$2,347,658
PEX	$6,494,484
SMART	$44,100,000
WOTA	$5,553,410
TOTAL	**$63,546,501**





2025 ADDITIONAL TRANSIT PROVIDER FUNDING

(Federal, State and Local Sources):

Provider	$Amount
NOTA	$3,321,808
OPC	$1,006,720
PEX	$1,234,600
SMART	$31,294,878
WOTA	$2,317,221
TOTAL	**$39,175,227**

Note: From SMART Platform Hour Estimate of 44.3%.



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