

Alta Farms II Sealcoat Work

The subcontractor performing sealcoat work on township roads affected by the development of the Alta Farms II wind project will begin work on Monday, August 22. The work will involve shaping and compacting the gravel surface, spraying prime on the surface, and applying two layers of sealcoat.

Shaping and Compacting

The first stage of the work involves grading, wetting, and compacting the gravel surface to remove any washboarding, potholes, or other inconsistencies in the surface. Per the contractor, they aim for this work to be done 2-3 days ahead of the next stage.

Application of Prime

Prior to installing the first sealcoat layer, the gravel surface will be sprayed with prime to promote a good bond between the gravel surface and the sealcoat layer. Prime is very sticky when first applied, and cures over the next several hours. The contractor intends to prime late afternoon, and only for the distance they expect to cover with sealcoat the next day. 'Fresh Oil' signs will be posted, and driving slowly through primed areas will greatly reduce the amount of oil and rock that will be picked up by tires.

Sealcoat Application

The morning following the prime, the first application of sealcoat oil and aggregate will be spread. This is a moving operation, with very little down time. Please avoid driving through the freshly sprayed oil until the aggregate spreader has covered the area. A second sealcoat application will occur sometime within the following week, with the timing dependent upon the pace of work.

Sequence

The contractor has indicated they will start the work in the west third of the project, generally from Mockingbird Hill Rd to the west. Following will be from Burr Oak Rd to the east, with the last area between Mockingbird Hill and Burr Oak. The duration of the work is expected to be less than two weeks.