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Lake Street Project Update

The Road Commission of Kalamazoo County (RCKC) regrets to share that our Lake Street 2022 project has been postponed to 2023. This is an unusual occurrence which is the result of unexpected material delays for the water system supplies. This portion of our project is in collaboration with the City of Kalamazoo and Charter Township of Kalamazoo.

The Lake Street project was in the process of [bid](#) in January of 2022. At the time of bid, the RCKC received numerous calls from vendors and contractors informing the RCKC that the lead time on necessary materials for the project, specifically the water main valves, was now up to nine (9) months. This delay would severely impact the project schedule and the ability for the project to be successfully completed in the 2022 construction season.

The Lake Street project, which begins at the City of Kalamazoo limits and ends at Olmstead Road, is an ambitious collaborative project between the RCKC, City of Kalamazoo, and Kalamazoo Township. The work consists of water main and sanitary replacement by the City of Kalamazoo, sidewalk installation by Kalamazoo Township, and roadway reconstruction and drainage improvements by the RCKC. Rather than each entity scheduling these projects individually, the three agencies came together and agreed to work collaboratively as a best practice in infrastructure asset management. This approach saves time, cost, user delays, and wear and tear on portions of the project vs. doing these as individual projects.

Despite this delay, the collaborative nature of the project will be beneficial in the long-term. The RCKC will be rebidding this project in the fall of 2022 to help facilitate more time for material ordering by the City of Kalamazoo and to ensure the project can be completed within the 2023 construction season.

The RCKC is currently evaluating potential replacement projects for the construction season of 2022. Look for updates on our [website Projects](#) page.

The RCKC has served as the local road professionals of Kalamazoo County since 1909. RCKC remains committed to our goal of using our expertise, energy, and funds to provide the safest and most convenient road system possible, and to contribute to economic development and high quality of life throughout the county.

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