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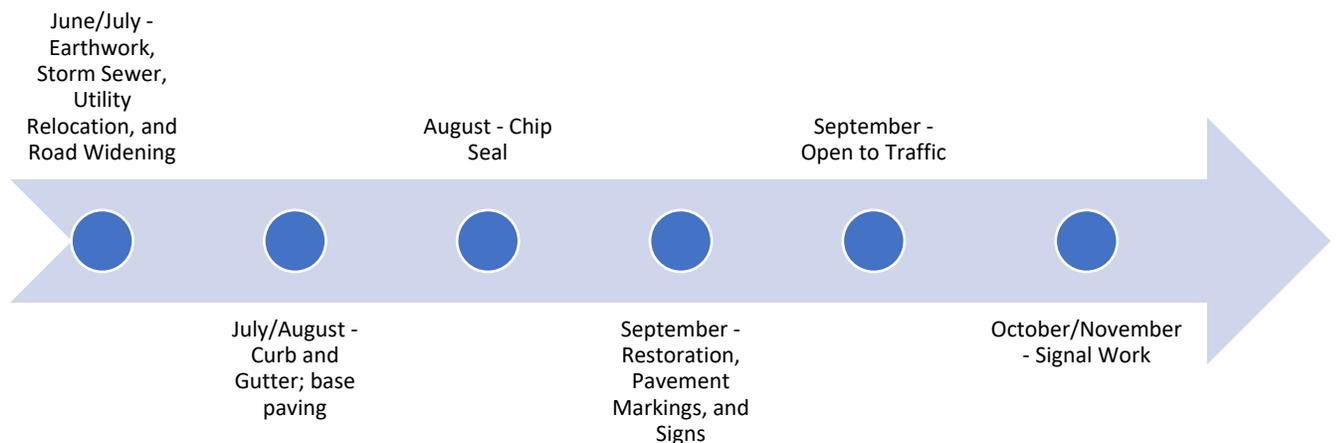
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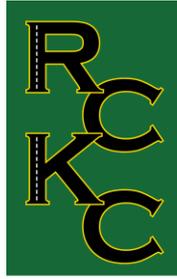
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Expect Delays on Project Timelines

KALAMAZOO, MI – The Road Commission of Kalamazoo County (RCC) would like to advise the public to expect delays on the anticipated timelines for construction projects this year. A notable example for the 2021 season is [Nichols Road and Solon Street located between Ravine Road and the City of Kalamazoo Limits](#). This project not only involves coordination between at least six agencies in the public right-of-way, there are expected material delays due to global supply chain issues.

Nichols Road was initially expected to be done by August 31, 2021, however the final completion date is contingent upon when material arrives – tentatively November 2021. A substantial amount of work viewed by the public will still be completed around that August/September timeframe, but the traffic signal work will not. The road will be reopened for traffic when the road work is completed and will not be delayed by the traffic signal work. Much like other materials, steel mast arms for the traffic signals are experiencing a significant delay. See updated timeline for the remaining work below.





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In addition to the steel mast arms utilized for traffic signals, the following delays and shortages are impacting RCKC general road construction and maintenance operations:

- Culverts
- Paint/Pavement Markings
- Dust Control
- Labor/Commercial Driver License
- Equipment

While offering this bit of transparency into the reality of the process, the RCKC wants the public to rest assured that the critical work on our infrastructure will continue – though potentially on a different timeline than expected. To stay updated on these projects the public is encouraged to sign up for updates on RCKC Connect, the free custom alert system available at no cost. These messages can be sent directly via email or text; construction updates are sent every Friday with localized work updates sent sometimes daily.

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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