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## Road Commission for Kalamazoo County (RCKC) Advances Roadway Safety Efforts with Y Avenue Project

KALAMAZOO, MI- In an effort to keep road users informed of the latest traffic and road maintenance operations by the RCKC, we have provided the following update for today.

The safety of our road users remains a paramount concern for the Road Commission for Kalamazoo County (RCKC). Since the closure of Y Avenue between 44th Street and 46th Street in February, significant strides have been made towards the reopening of this vital roadway.

Navigating the intricacies of wetlands and waterways in infrastructure projects often entails substantial regulatory hurdles and meticulous oversight. Recognizing this, we identified permitting as a critical milestone in the timeline for replacing the culvert crossing on Y Avenue.

To expedite the process and streamline approvals, RCKC has collaborated closely with the Office of the Drain Commissioner. This strategic partnership has facilitated efficient permit reviews and approvals, paving the way for the next phase of this essential project.

With all necessary approvals secured, the Drain Office will now oversee the project through its construction phase. While specific timelines for the fabrication of the replacement culvert are still being finalized, they will dictate the overall construction schedule.

"We are pleased with the progress achieved thus far on the Y Avenue project," said Ryan Minkus, County Engineer at RCKC. "Our collaborative efforts with the Office of the Drain Commissioner underscore our commitment to delivering safe and reliable roadways for the residents of Kalamazoo County."

As we move forward, RCKC assures the community that everything remains on track for the completion of the project before the conclusion of the 2024 construction season.

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