



MCDOT NEWS

News from the Montgomery County Department of Transportation, Division of Highway Services

Blunt Road Permanent Pavement Patching Project

Full-Depth Permanent Patching to Begin Soon

PURPOSE

This newsletter is to inform you of the upcoming full-depth permanent patching project on Blunt Road, between Brink Road and Watkins Mill Road. This pavement system preservation project employs long term strategies to preserve and enhance the physical and operating conditions of the roadway system as it exists and assures a system serviceable for many years. This project falls under the County's Permanent Patching Program.

INTRODUCTION

The Montgomery County Department of Transportation's (MCDOT) Division of Highway Services (DHS) maintains nearly 5,200 lane miles of streets and highways in the county's transportation system. As part of our pavement system preservation efforts, MCDOT initiated a new Pavement Management System in 2008. MCDOT recently completed a third countywide pavement condition survey of all county roads, identifying and rating the condition of each. This pavement management system is updated every two years and has enabled the development of countywide roadway pavement repair strategies based on a formula based objective rating system coupled with budgetary parameters. Part of Montgomery County's Pavement Management System includes structural permanent patching, which is a cost effective interim solution to maintain roadway structural integrity based on current funding allocations.

SCOPE OF PROJECT

Overall, the pavement conditions along Blunt Road were generally rated as fair, with some areas described as needing more attention. This rating meets the criteria for roadway preservation using Hot Mix Asphalt (HMA) full-depth permanent patching.

PROJECT WORK PLAN

You may have noticed paint mark-

ings that outline areas for pavement replacement, such as those shown in the picture below. The markings enable us to estimate the quantity of asphalt needed for full depth patching and provide the locations of the distressed pavement. Crews will excavate the distressed pavement with a pavement milling machine or Gradall excavator.



Typical paint markings

Full Depth Permanent Patching

Areas of pavement distress are excavated and replaced with hot mix asphalt. This method is used in isolated areas where pavement failures extend through the road base. Full depth patching restores the pavement's structural integrity and capacity to support vehicle loads. Further, patching will prevent water from infiltrating through the pavement and into the underlying road base, exacerbating the degree and extent of pavement deterioration. Failing pavement conditions are dynamic in nature and will worsen, nearly exponentially, under conditions such as harsh winters and wet summers. Patching with HMA will yield a service life of between 15-20 years. There are 2 phases to full-depth patching:

First, the pavement is excavated and HMA base material is installed in 2 layers and compacted with a steel-wheeled roller. The patch is left approximately one-and-one-half (1 ½) inches below the existing road surface to allow room for a layer of smooth surface HMA to be applied at a later time (within a few days).

Second, the surface HMA is placed

either by machine or by hand, depending on the size of the patch, into the depression left by the base asphalt work. The asphalt is then compacted using a steel-wheeled roller. The final surface of the patch will match the level of the existing roadway and provide for a smooth ride.

SCHEDULE

This project is scheduled to begin in September 2015, and should be completed within 2 weeks, weather permitting. Work hours will be between 7 am and 5 pm, Monday through Friday; however, Saturday work may be necessary to expedite the completion of the project.

IMPACTS

Street patching will necessitate daily short-term parking restrictions. No Parking signs will be posted to notify residents of the planned dates for patching; parking restrictions are only valid from 7 am to 5 pm. Please pay close attention to the dates on the signs as weather may delay the planned work. Our intent is to maintain continuous traffic at all times utilizing lane closures and/or alternating one-way traffic patterns. Though minor traffic delays and brief daily road closures may be experienced, if deemed necessary. Signs will be posted identifying such restrictions. Access to residences will be available at all times; however, minor delays may be experienced as workers restrict traffic from freshly placed hot mix asphalt.

Generally speaking, this work is best characterized as noisy and disruptive. However, MCDOT staff will take all necessary steps to mitigate any inconveniences this work may cause. Quality control for the project will be managed by County inspection staff to ensure that the project meets contract specifications.

Thank you for your cooperation as we make these improvements to the County infrastructure!



Milling machine excavating



Gradall Excavating



Pavement will be replaced in 2 phases



New asphalt is placed and compacted



New patch is flush with existing pavement



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NOTICE OF BLUNT ROAD PERMANENT PATCHING PROJECT IN GERMANTOWN

SAFETY NOTICE

Please drive gently and safely through the work site and kindly remember that while repair work is underway, personnel and construction vehicles will be moving around the site. Some materials may be stored in the area. Please use caution when walking or driving through the construction zone. Children may be attracted to the noise and machinery, so we ask that you please keep all children under close supervision at all times, even after the work is completed for the day. Also, please follow the direction of flagmen and temporary signs and traffic control devices. We appreciate your patience and cooperation while we make these much needed improvements to the infrastructure. *If you have a special needs or a medical condition that could be potentially impacted by the construction activities, please alert the Project Manager listed below or Josh Faust, Public Outreach Manager, at 240-777-7642.*

IMPORTANT MCDOT CONTACTS

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Should your questions be of a more general nature, please contact the MC311 Call Center by dialing 311 or 240-777-0311

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