

STARKE COUNTY
HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT
Monthly Report May 5, 2014

Mowing:

We are going to begin mowing this week. Our part time help will be starting their first cycle on Thursday, weather permitting. We plan on completing at least six cycles this summer. We want to remind people that we will be mowing (5 feet) off the edge of pavement on each road and (20 feet) back at intersections. This is done to clear the necessary sight distance for drivers.

Road Repairs:

We met with Marshall County this week to coordinate our paving schedules. We will be making their pug asphalt and they will be lending us their distributor trucks and two lane chipper box. We will be making our pug in late May and paving with it in July. We plan on beginning our chip seal program in August and should be done by early September. We will also be crack sealing this year. We will primarily focus these efforts on Toto Road.

Bridge Repairs:

The emergency design for the 700 E. repairs is progressing well. We are hoping to be able to reopen the bridge by mid-July. Mark Wilson with JPR is doing a good job with the design of our four scheduled bridge replacements. Two of the designs should be complete by mid-May. We will stagger the construction dates for each replacement. The first replacement may begin in late July. We may be recommending that Bridge 70 (50E) be eliminated from our bridge inventory. We want to speak with the residents on 50E before we make our final decision.

Uniforms:

We have officially given notice to Ziker Uniforms cancelling our contract. We are working with Aramark to finalize the new uniform contract and hope to have that approved by the end of the week and have new uniforms by mid-June.