

Starke County Highway Department

Monthly Report

September 2013

Summary

MOWING – The County mowing program is progressing as planned. We are completing the second cycle of mowing in most areas of the County. We have completed three cycles in selected high traffic areas of the County.

CHIP SEAL PROGRAM – The chip seal operations have been hampered by the recent rains. We have completed eight miles thus far. We are currently chip sealing in Oregon Township.

CULVERT REPLACEMENTS – We have replaced eight culvert/pipes as of July 1. We will resume the replacements after chip sealing has been completed. We have six pipes on that replacement schedule.

BRIDGE REPLACEMENTS –

We are obtaining hydraulic reports to assess the best way to replace our bridges in need of replacement.

Bridge 50 is still closed. It will be replaced next summer

Bridge 43 construction update: Construction of the bridge will commence as soon as the required permit is obtained. The US Army Corps has released their approval of the project to IDEM so we just need to get approval from IDEM, and since IDEM is already advised of the project details, we are hopeful that the approval from USACE and the small scope and minimal impact of the project will help us get a relatively quick response from IDEM. JPR is keeping in contact with the permitting agencies so as to gauge the progress and assist as needed.

MAJOR COLLECTORS – The application process is progressing as planned

US35 BRIDGE REPLACEMENT - The Starke County Highway Department is monitoring the progress on a daily basis.

INTERSECTION SAFETY We have asked INDOT to reexamine the traffic conditions at two Starke County intersections, SR23/SR8 and US35/Toto Rd. The Laporte District traffic office has initiated new studies at both intersections

TRUCK PURCHASE – We have ordered the three trucks approved by the commissioners and council