

## ROAD COMMISSION SEEKS INPUT ON 12 MILE ROAD STUDY, BECK TO DIXON

The Road Commission for Oakland County (RCOC), in partnership with the cities of Novi and Wixom, is conducting an extensive study of the section of 12 Mile Road between Beck and Dixon roads to determine if the road should be improved and, if so, what the improvement should entail. The study is known as an “environmental assessment” and is guided by federal rules and regulations.

### **STUDY DETAILS**

The study was initiated in response to the need to address current and projected traffic volumes in the area as well as to address safety concerns that could be aggravated with increasing traffic congestion. Commercial and residential growth in the area has resulted in increased traffic, spurring the desire for improved mobility for both motorized and non-motorized traffic.

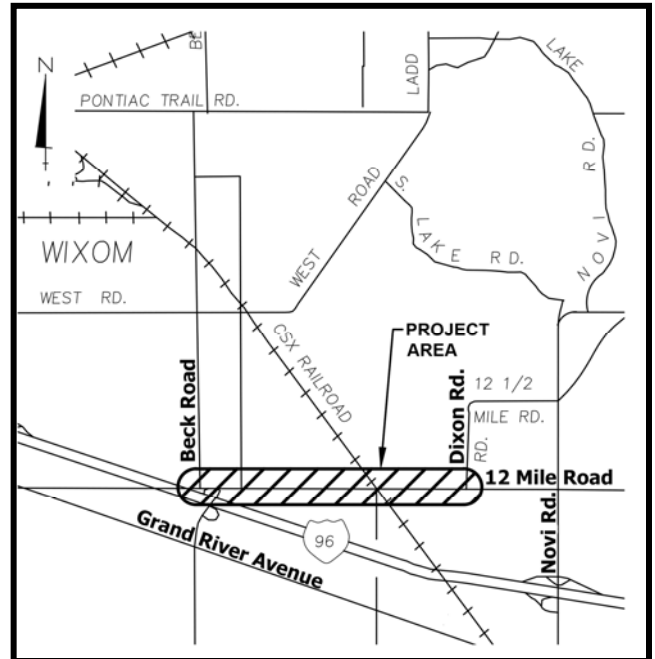
The purpose of the study is to determine the most appropriate improvements to address these traffic demands. Through the initial study efforts, three possible alternatives have emerged as potentially the most appropriate. They are:

- **No build** (baseline comparison) — the roadway would be rebuilt in its current configuration, without additional capacity.
- **Five-lane improvement** (widening) — this entire section of 12 Mile Road would be widened to five lanes, including a continuous, center left-turn lane with minor improvements at the 12 Mile/Beck intersection.
- **Four-lane, narrow-median boulevard** — this section of 12 Mile Road would be reconstructed as a narrow-median, four-lane boulevard with minor improvements at the 12 Mile/Beck intersection.

### **NEXT STEPS**

The next steps in the environmental assessment for this section of 12 Mile Road are:

- Obtain public input on the three possible alternatives.
- Select a preferred alternative and evaluate the impacts of that alternative.



- Complete the draft environmental assessment document and submit it for review and comment by the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA).
- Publish the completed draft environmental assessment document and conduct a public hearing on the report recommendation.
- Request FHWA approval of the recommendation.
- Identify project funding and proceed with the project implementation.

### **Tell us what you think**

*The partners are seeking public input on the possible alternatives and welcome questions on the proposal. Questions or comments on the three design alternatives can be submitted via e-mail to [design@rcoc.org](mailto:design@rcoc.org) and should be submitted by Friday, Oct. 23.*

### **For more information:**

Visit the **12 Mile Road Environmental Assessment** page on the RCOC website: [www.rcocweb.org](http://www.rcocweb.org) (select the “About Us” button at the top left corner of the homepage, and then select “12 Mile Road Environmental Assessment”).