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ROAD COMMISSION FOR OAKLAND COUNTY

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ORCHARD LAKE ROAD RESURFACING COMPLETED BETWEEN 14 MILE AND WALNUT LAKE ROADS IN WEST BLOOMFIELD

Beverly Hills, MI -- The Road Commission for Oakland County (RCOC) has completed the resurfacing of the two-mile stretch of Orchard Lake Road between 14 Mile and Walnut Lake roads in West Bloomfield Township, which had been one of the roughest major roads on the RCOC system.

Work continues on the section of Orchard Lake between Walnut Lake and Lone Pine roads, but is expected to stop for the winter at approximately the end of November. Work on that section will resume in April and is expected to be completed by the end of June.

RCOC and West Bloomfield Township split the approximately \$1 million cost of resurfacing the section of Orchard Lake between 14 Mile and Maple roads. The approximately \$2.2 million cost for resurfacing the section between Maple and Lone Pine roads is being paid for through federal American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) or "stimulus" funds.

The section between 14 Mile and Maple is intended to be a temporary solution until RCOC finds enough money to reconstruct the road as a four-lane boulevard. It is not clear when that might occur, though RCOC currently is researching potential funding sources as well as beginning the design and engineering work needed to proceed with construction of a four-lane boulevard.

"We are very pleased to have been able to work with the township to share the cost for the resurfacing of the section between 14 Mile and Maple," observed RCOC Board Chairman Richard Skarritt. "We applaud the Township Board for agreeing to pay half the cost of this critical project."