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EXTENDING LIFE OF OUR ROADS ...

East Chicago is employing a new technique to extend the life of local roads and streets. It's known as micro-surfacing. What it is: a low-impact pavement preservation process that tackles skid resistance, moisture intrusion, surface raveling, minor rutting and overall appearance.

Because the condition of the road is addressed when there are minor cracks in the asphalt, the road can remain in good condition for far longer. It is estimated, micro-surfacing can reduce the annual cost of road maintenance by as much as 44 percent.

RECORD-BREAKING ROAD IMPROVEMENTS

I want to begin by thanking every person who was inconvenienced by our "summer of road construction." Because we were able to amass funds to do the much-needed work – more than $31 million in improvements in a single construction season – improvements started at nearly the same time. Our thinking: If we had to inconvenience our residents and businesses, we wanted to do it once, instead of three times.

As you drive on these beautiful, smooth, safe roadways over the next months – and years, I hope you will agree, our summer inconvenience was worth the cost.

We are fortunate to have the resources to perform this long-anticipated and much-needed construction. Still, we know there is so much more to be done.

Our major roads take a beating because of heavy truck traffic. Our climate – with its never-ending freeze-and-thaw cycles – is hard on any surface. Concrete is more durable, but also more expensive. Asphalt tends to need major milling and repaving in a matter of years, not decades.

Enter micro-surfacing, a relatively new technique that extends the life of a road before it is in need of a major mill-and-pave. We're testing it here (pictured above) to see if it works as promised. Stay tuned!

ANTHONY COPELAND
Mayor City of East Chicago

MAGOUN AVENUE



[Jonathan Madera photos]





PROJECT COST
$6.5 MILLION

AREA
147th – 151st

Historic Magoun restored to its former glory

At street level and above, historic Magoun Avenue has been restored to its former glory with 21st Century advancements. City Engineer William Allen said dramatic infrastructure improvements underground are key to the success of the project.

"We replaced the street's massive sewer and brick manholes that were more than 100 years old," he said. "In their place, we installed 60 inch to 66 inch sewers that will remain leak-free for another century."

Magoun sewers serve as a major collector for the long-established neighborhoods that feed into the 151st and pump station at Kosciusko Park.

As part of the project, the water main, utilities, curbs and sidewalks have been replaced. ADA ramps and sod have been added. "This project looks great. Residents are happy with it – and so are we," Allen said. "We are already looking at extending the project north along Magoun."



City of East Chicago

BAGLESS LEAF PROGRAM

OCTOBER 30 - DECEMBER 8

SCHEDULE

Please have your leaves raked to the curb by 7 a.m. on the morning of your collection day:

Monday: District 1

Tuesday: District 2

Wednesday: District 3

Thursday: District 4

Friday: Districts 5-6

COLLECTION TIPS

- Place leaves curbside in piles. Other forms of yard waste – such as rocks, cement, tree branches, twigs, flowers, walnuts and grass clippings – are not acceptable.
- At any time, residents may place leaves and yard waste at the curb in plastic bags for regular trash pickup. Leaf piles should be placed as close to the curb as possible. If our equipment can't reach the leaves, we cannot pick them up.
- Property owners without curbs may pile leaves as close to the street as possible, but not in the street.
- Leaves should not be piled behind parked vehicles, near storm drains, or around telephone poles, sign posts or mailboxes.



INFORMATION

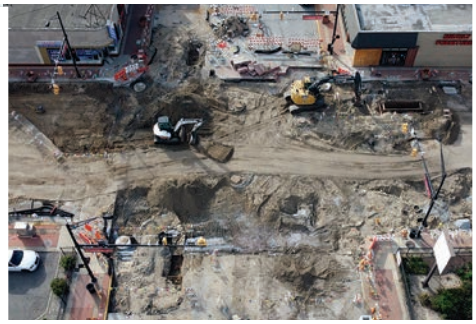
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INDIANAPOLIS BLVD



[Jonathan Madera photos]





PROJECT COST
$21 MILLION+

AREA
2.7 MILES

Indianapolis Boulevard tops single-project list

At $21 million and counting, the Indianapolis Boulevard project tops the single-project list for cost, eclipsing the $12 million Guthrie Street project.

"This project is near-and-dear to my heart," Mayor Anthony Copeland said. "Rebuilding this four-lane, heavily traveled road – from 152nd Street to Columbus Drive – will make this street safer and more efficient. Upon completion, there will be new sidewalks, curbs, lights and utilities."

City Engineer William Allen said construction to replace utilities north of Chicago Avenue is complete. "This is a multi-year project – that began with sanitary and storm sewers – will include work paid for by the City of East Chicago and the Indiana Department of Transportation."

The state portion of the project will involve widening the road and other safety enhancements. Work on all phases of this project should be completed in 2025.

DICKEY ROAD


[Jonathan Madera photos]





PROJECT COST
$4 MILLION

AREA
1.32 MILES

Dickey gets lights, roundabouts, durable base

After several years of interim construction projects that resulted in improvements that included two roundabouts – one at 129th Street and the second at Michigan – the city is completing an upgraded mill-and-pave project and installing temporary lighting along the length of the thoroughfare north of Michigan to its border with Whiting before the asphalt plants close this month.

City Engineer Will Allen said 6 inches to 8 inches of road surface was removed and replaced as part of the project. In its place is a base of concrete and top layer of several inches of asphalt.

"Creating a drivable surface for passengers and trucks on Dickey was our challenge," Allen said. "By creating a more durable base of concrete, we are confident this surface will hold up under the daily tonnage that travels that roadway. Permanent lights are due to be installed in January."



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VETERANS CEREMONY

Join Mayor Anthony Copeland for a Veterans Day Remembrance in honor of our veterans who gave their lives to protect this country.

When: **11 a.m. November 9**

Where: Veterans Park Gazebo, 4525 Indianapolis Blvd.

HOMEBUYER WORKSHOP

Dream of owning a home? Learn more about buying or building in East Chicago through the Homebuyer Assistance Program at an upcoming workshop hosted by the East Chicago Department of Redevelopment.

When: **November 18**

Registration: Please call (219) 391-8513 to register.

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

From code enforcement and police officers to recreation leaders and laborers, the City of East Chicago has both full- and part-time employment opportunities.

Info: Visit eastchicago.com/jobs for details. Send resume, application and cover letter via email to ecapply@eastchicago.com, fax (219) 397-5755 or mail to:

The City of East Chicago Human Resources

4525 Indianapolis Blvd.
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