

Vandersteen: New Road Work Process in Sheboygan Saves Time, Less Costs

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The hot in place asphalt recycling project will be done on six Sheboygan streets the next two weeks.

SHEBOYGAN, WI (WHBL) - It has been a busy road construction season for the City of Sheboygan, with road blocks and cones seemingly nearly every turn you go. A new project get underway Monday, but it is different from what has been done in the past to refresh roadway surfaces.

Mayor Mike Vandersteen tells WHBL News the hot in place asphalt recycling project will reuse asphalt currently on the road, instead of removing it to be recycled elsewhere. "Where a machine rolls over the road, heats it up to 400-degrees, have tines that then dig up the asphalt. It's ground up, and more oil is added to it, and it's re-laid in that same process."

After watching demonstrations last year, Vandersteen says the city decided to bid out the work with the hope to save money when compared to more traditional asphalt replacement work. "We expected maybe a 30 to 35 percent decrease in the bids. Well they came in almost half of what the old method was. So we were able to take the excess funds that we had budgeted and add those to the projects so that we could do more streets and get more of our roads that are in marginal condition back into great shape."

Six streets will see the process done over the next two weeks, weather permitting. They include:

- Michigan Avenue between North 8th and North 4th streets the week of August 10
- North Eighth Street between Michigan Avenue and Highland Terrace the week of August 10
- North Avenue between North 10th and North 6th streets the week of August 10
- Union Avenue between South Business Drive and Sauk Trail Road on Saturday, August 15
- South 15th Street between New Jersey and Pennsylvania avenues the week of August 17
- Taylor Height Frontage Road the week of August 17.

When work is being done, the roadways will be closed to traffic. However, the project should allow traffic to resume on the roadway the next day.