

ROAD REPORT

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FROM THE ENGINEER

Our crews finished working on the Tindall Bridge on September 12th. All in all, they poured new endwalls and beam seats, replaced some of the rectangular tubes with salvaged open grate decking and repaired about 26 stringers. All of the structural work was on the east span. The painting contractor started work on September 5th. They have been busy enclosing the bridge with tarps which is about complete. They have moved in some of the blasting equipment and should be starting soon. They have been working seven days a week from dawn to dusk.

The State Street Bridge contractor started working on September 10th. Thanks to Perry for getting their arrow board squared away. They have removed punky concrete from each end of the west arch and have set some forms. They should be ready for a pour on Monday. They are working four 10-hour days.

The CR 260 overpass was opened to traffic on September 13th. We had a walk through inspection the following day and it looked great! It sure is nice to have this open again. On September 19th, the Turnpike bid three more of these; CR 128 and TR's 202 and 244. The low bidder was Mark Shaeffer Excavating out of Norwalk at \$2,041,883.45. Work on 202 and 244 is supposed to start yet this year. 128 will have to wait till spring. The Turnpike plans on bidding three more yet this year. Thanks to our "Turnpike Committee" and everyone else that worked hard to make this a reality. At a million dollars a crack, we would have not made much progress!

Thanks to the Tim Below, Eric Wheatley, Chad Bender, Tony Miller and Tony Hartshorn for their work in cleaning up the brush piles on the 177 culvert job. I know this was a miserable job and I appreciate your work. It's nice to have it done. The original plan was to burn it, but due the proximity of some buildings, this wasn't possible. It's my understanding that cleaning brush up along county roads was once one of the major jobs of this department. When you look at existing fence rows that are not maintained, it's easy to see how this was possible. I for one am glad that is behind us! This work also prompted the decision to not relocate the road ditch on the TR 42 culvert job. This is another ditch that has been allowed to

become overgrown and we're not planning to be the ones to clean it up after years of neglect.

We have received a total of eleven OPWC applications from throughout the county (three of them are ours). The County Committee will be meeting Tuesday to award priority points. I hope we are lucky enough to have a couple of projects funded this round, which is number 27.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Tim Below	September 25 th
Andy Brough	September 27 th
Rich Randolph	September 30 th
Mark Auxter	October 4 th

FROM THE OFFICE MANAGER

Thank You

I would like to thank everyone for your prayers, cards and afghan. My family and I truly appreciated everything. Thank you.

OPERS

OPERS retirement bill will become effective January 7, 2013. Available online at <https://www.opers.org/pdf/member/seminars/seminar-ready-to-retire.pdf> is a power point presentation (changes to this presentation may occur). For up-to-date information on OPERS changes go to opers.org website.

FROM THE ROAD SUPERINTENDENT

TINDALL BRIDGE REPAIRS

Last week was the end of the welding repairs for now. The contractors now have the bridge pretty much enclosed with their tarps. They should start blasting in the next couple of days. We will still have more welding to complete in the near future. Crews were also able to get both approaches paved before the contractors chased us out.

The guys did a great job getting quite a bit of work done in a short amount of time. Well done!

SC 10-1.99 BRIDGE REPLACEMENT

This week we are replacing the wood deck bridge on TR10 at the intersection of CR 33. We are replacing the bridge with a run of 60" RCP, building an 8'x8' catch basin on the west end and then continuing the 60" RCP to the south. Next week we will start in on laying up the block for the catch basin. Once this project is complete we will have a wider and safer intersection. Keep up the good work.

ROAD MAINTENANCE

- Bridges on TR 204 and 302 were waterproofed.
- Mowing was finished west and crews have moved east.
- Culverts on TR 55 and CR 13 were repaired.
- Areas around town were mowed.
- The pile of brush left on CR 177 was chipped up.
- Washout was repaired on CR 30
- CR 12 mailbox approaches have been finished.
- Culvert installed by a property owner on CR 90 was paved.
- Tree on CR 260 was cleaned up.
- Offices were cleaned.

IN THE SHOP

Jeff and Andy are busy going over vehicles and making repairs that are needed for our upcoming vehicle inspection on Oct. 3rd. So, please, if you do see anything that needs to be looked at on any vehicle, write it up so it can be repaired. The boys have been running mowing services and making repairs as needed.

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1, Portable Air Compressor