



## NEWS RELEASE

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The City of Portage Street Mill and Fill Program consists of major maintenance to selected streets to enhance structural integrity and ride quality and prolong the street's life. These improvements include removing badly worn road areas and overlaying the surface with 1.5 inches of new asphalt.

The city has contracted with Michigan Paving & Materials of Kalamazoo, Michigan, to perform the 2022 Mill and Fill project. Paving work is scheduled to begin on August 20, 2022 for Oakland Drive from West Osterhout south to the city limits, weather permitting.

During paving operations, one lane of travel will remain open. Residents should be aware that a "tac coat" (oily substance) is sprayed on the street prior to paving to bond the new asphalt to the old surface. Driving on the tac coat should be avoided as this material may attach to tires and vehicle undercarriages and may be carried onto your driveway or garage floor.

To ensure the safety of residents and contracted employees and to facilitate the efficient completion of the project, the city requests that vehicles be removed from the roadway during the project. Your patience and cooperation are greatly appreciated.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the work scheduled in your area, please contact the Department of Public Works at (269) 329-4444.

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