

Update from the County Road Commission

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- I. There will be some center line and edge line painting being done from the New Lighthouse to Rayburn Hwy. The white fog line will be 6" instead of 4" . We will be also painting the portion of Highland Pines we just sealcoated.
- II. The Presque Isle Harbor Association roads were built by a developer as a subdivision and later turned over to the Road Commission in the 1970's. There have been many questions to the speed limit on these roads. The term used is prima facie, definition being: **A prima facie speed limit is a speed limit that is presumed to be safe under normal conditions. Its not an absolute speed limit, but rather a limit that is considered safe unless proven otherwise. Exceeding a prima facie limit creates only a presumption that you were speeding-you still have the opportunity to prove in court that your speed was safe.** The speed limit for a subdivision is 25MPH per Michigan Vehicle code 257.627. Because it is not posted currently, I am working with the MSP to get a traffic control order to install speed limit signs on the major development roads.
- III. The Road Commission and our engineers are looking into a safety grant for funding a crosswalk between the Portage store and State Harbor. This would include a painted crosswalk with lights on poles, that will light up when a person is using the crosswalk. We would also update the Range light crosswalk the same way. This is not a promise but we are seeing what we can do. Motorist also need to remember pedestrians in a marked crosswalk have the right of way and must yield for them.
- IV. We are getting closer to letting out the 638 from East Grand Lake Rd north 1.4 miles crush and shape with new HMA project. This will be a 2024 project.