

CHAPTER 5- FUTURE ROAD ENHANCEMENT/DEVELOPMENT

MDOT

The MDOT Transportation Service Centers (TSCs) develop five-year programs for road construction/improvement projects. The Ishpeming TSC covers Baraga, Houghton, Keweenaw, and Marquette counties. Their current five-year program (2007-2011) has no scheduled construction projects (major rehabilitation, bridge, and construction work) in Marquette Township. The condition of US 41/M-28 meets standards.

The MDOT will be adding maintenance projects to their five-year program that are not shown in the published plan. A project currently being considered is the repair and resurfacing of US-41 eastbound from Northwoods Road to Washington Street in Marquette. The west side of the corridor was recently treated with an overlay and concrete joint repairs were completed throughout the remaining portion of the corridor. The intersection of US 41 and Front Street, in Marquette City, is scheduled to be reconstructed in 2010.

Routine maintenance, performed on an annual basis, includes pavement repairs, pavement patching, catch basin maintenance, and other types of reactive maintenance.

The MDOT will continue to be a key participant in the Corridor Advisory Group. They are committed to using every opportunity that becomes available to make continued access and safety improvements along the corridor. Recently, the TSC has drawn engineering plans for the construction of two deceleration lanes, one by Hudson's Classic Grill and the other by Frei Chevrolet. They will waive permit fees for the construction of these two improvements. Marquette Township is currently in discussion with the business owners.

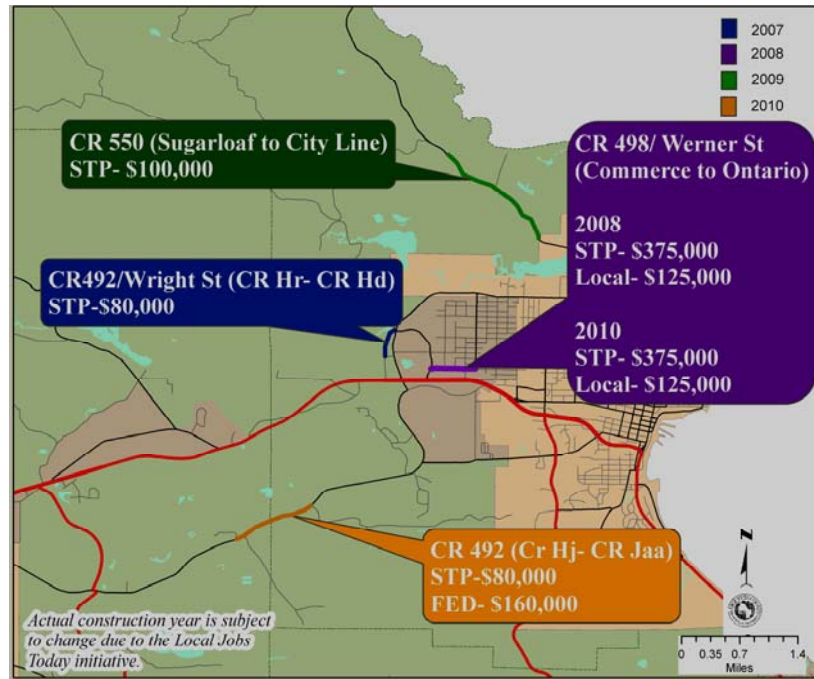
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Figure 5-1 shows proposed Road Commission road and bridge construction projects (2007-2011) in Marquette Township. The County Road 492 (Wright Street) project involves the construction of a new segment of road. The remaining projects are existing road reconstruction or surface overlays. The County Road 498 (Werner Street) project is made up of two separately funded Small Urban Program grants. There are no bridge projects planned within the next five years. The bridge over the Dead River on Forestville Road, however, is on the MCRC's top priority list for replacement.

It is possible for some of the proposed construction projects to be accelerated through the Local Jobs Today Program.

Road Facilities Plan

Figure 5-1 MCRC Proposed Road and Bridge Program in Marquette Township, 2007-2011

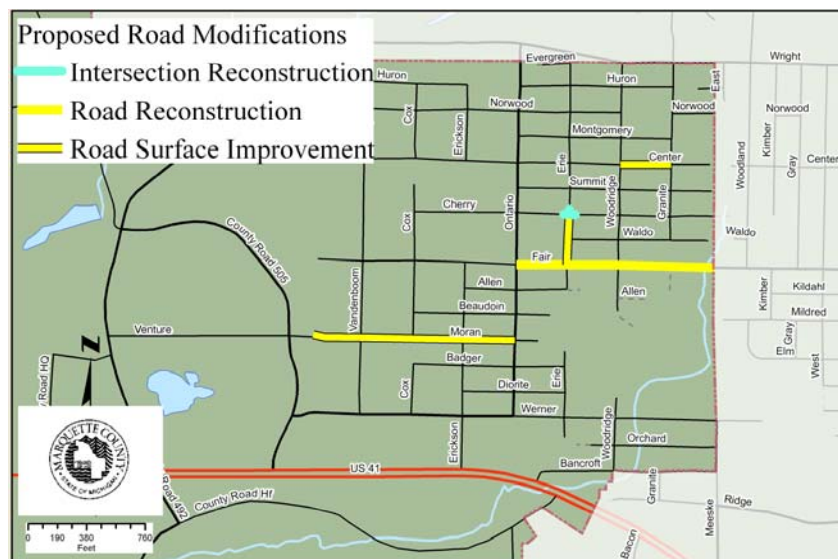


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Marquette Township

Marquette Township has a five-year millage approved in 2006 for road improvements. The dollars from the millage were expended this year on road improvement projects in the Trowbridge Area. Figure 5-2 shows the location and type of improvement followed by Table 5-1.

Figure 5-2 Marquette Township Millage Funded Road Improvement Projects



Source: Marquette Township

Road Facilities Plan

Table 5-1 Marquette Township Millage Funded Road Projects

Road Millage Funding Projects	
Location	Road Improvement Type
W.Fair Avenue, From Ontario to Township limits	2007 reconstruction
Moran Street, from near Commerce to Ontario	2007 surface improvement
Center St. from Ontario to Erie Street	2007 surface improvement
Erie Street, from Cherry Street to Fair Ave	2007 surface improvement
Cherry and Erie Street Intersection	2007 intersection reconstruction

Source: Marquette Township

Marquette Township has a Master Road Plan which identifies areas requiring the most immediate attention in terms of transportation. Figure 5-3 depicts the five areas that were identified by the Planning Commission. The plan states that when possible, newly constructed roads should include non-motorized paths. Table 5-2 provides a description of the proposed road construction.

Table 5-2 Marquette Township’s Proposed Road Development

Marquette Township Planning Commission Road Master Plan	
Number*	Description
1.1	Extend Co. Rd. HQ (Target Rd) northeast to Wright St.
1.2	Extend Co. Rd. HR west to the power line easement and south to Brickyard Rd.
1.3	Extend a N-S connecting road from the intersection of US41/Brickyard Rd to Forestville and eventually continuing north to Co. Rd. HK and then to Co. Rd. 550.
2.1	Develop Ryan's Alley North from Moran St. to Center St. to enhance the urban residential core for residential development.
3.1	Extend Commerce Dr. to Brookton Rd. with a signalized intersection allowing left hand turns with pedestrian crossing.
3.2	Connect Westwood Mall parking to Wright St. parallel US41 & N-S with Venture Dr.
4.1	Connect Co. Rd. 492 to Brickyard Rd. preferably along the former railroad ROW.
5.1	Extend Lake Enchantment Rd. to well field area.

*refer to *Proposed Road Improvement Map* for location.

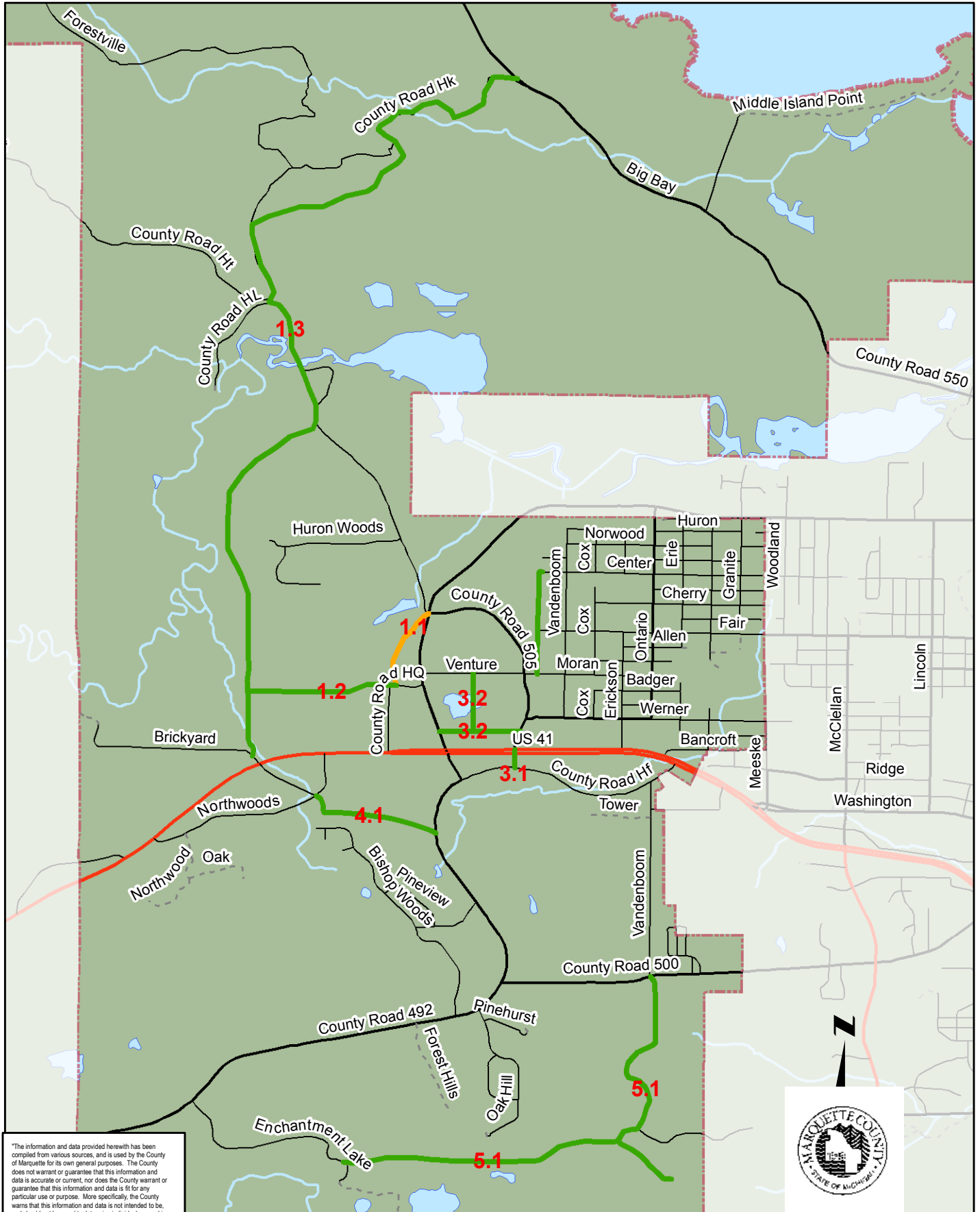
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Marquette Township (Part of)
Marquette County, Michigan

Proposed Road Modifications

— Funded 2008, earmark

— Potential Future Road (Township)



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