

## Press Release

### **County is awarded \$1,294,465.44 to Apply Preservative Seal to Nucor Road and Neighborhood Roads**

(April 10, 2024) Montgomery County has been awarded \$1,294,465.44 in funding from the State of Indiana Community Crossings Matching Grant Fund Program. The award will allow the County to apply a preservative seal to Nucor Road and some neighborhood roads in 2024. The preservative seal will extend the life of each road by creating a seal that will prevent moisture from penetrating the top layer of existing asphalt which can cause potholes. The seal also creates a new wearing surface on top of the existing layer of asphalt.

The Community Crossings Matching Grant Program requires Montgomery County to pay for 25% of the cost of sealing the roads. Revenue from the wheel tax and the gas tax will be used to pay the County's match which is estimated to be \$431,000.

The County was also awarded funding from this program in the fall of 2023 to pave 7 miles of roads this spring.

"This is a big deal for our County," said Commissioner President John Frey, "Nucor Road is an important road for our businesses and residents. I am glad that we can also seal more roads in our neighborhoods through this grant."

"Using our local revenue from the wheel tax and gas tax has allowed us to fund our match. Preserving more roads through this program will help our residents and businesses", said County Commissioner Dan Guard

"We continue to work on improving and maintaining our infrastructure and this grant will help make that happen", said County Commissioner Jim Fulwider.

The preservative seal will consist of a chip seal application consisting of oil and limestone and the chip seal will be covered with a micro seal consisting of asphalt, cement, fibers, sand and limestone.

The Community Crossings initiative has provided more than \$1.7 billion in state matching funds for local construction projects since 2016. For 2024, \$207 million has been awarded from the program to local governments.

Since 2020, the County has been awarded funding from the Community Crossings Matching Grant Fund Program that has allowed the County to pave 29 miles of roads. The County maintains 500 miles of paved roads and 300 miles of gravel roads.

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