



## Whiteside County Highway Department

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### PROJECT INFORMATION SHEET

- Project Type:** Chip & Seal (also referred to as “sealcoat”)
- Description:** This work, performed by either the County work force or contractors, is a maintenance activity that involves the application of a thin layer of oil followed by the application of a layer of aggregate (or sometimes slag) chips approximately 3/16” diameter. This is a cost-effective preventive maintenance activity that helps extend the life of both chip & seal roads and hot-mix asphalt roads. It also helps provide a rougher surface for the road so that it won’t be as slippery in wet or icy conditions.
- Schedule:** This work is completed between May and September.
- Traffic impact:** The sealcoating process, especially when completed by County forces, includes applying the oil and chips across the **full width of the road** making it impossible to drive around the equipment. The County does its best to provide traffic control to prevent traffic from driving into the construction zone. The oil applied to the road will stick to vehicles that drive through it and it will damage the sealcoat application. This process is a slow-moving process that involves the application of the oil, chips, and then rolling it. Occasionally the operation will stop for a period of time waiting for oil or chips to be delivered to the site. We strongly encourage drivers to find an alternate route when these operations are taking place on a section of road.