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WHEN RUBBER MORE THAN MEETS THE ROAD



A WIN-WIN SOLUTION

Ground-up scrap tires mixed with asphalt give flex to Michigan roads during freeze-thaw cycle

Keith Matheny Detroit Free Press USA TODAY NETWORK

A long-standing environmental problem in Michigan and elsewhere — massive piles of scrap tires and what to do with them — has become a solution for another chronic Michigan problem: bad roads. • A researcher at Michigan Technological University is working with more than 20 county road commissions in the state to develop formulas for using finely ground scrap tires in a mix with asphalt. On roads, the rubber adds flexibility during Michigan’s road-cracking freeze and thaw cycles. And the results show it’s working.

James Lillo, engineer manager with the Bay County Road Commission, at Michigan Tech’s behest, installed rubber-enhanced chip seal on a “horrible” road in his county.

“The whole road was a jigsaw puzzle; it was busted up that bad,” he said. “Chunks of road were missing that were maybe the size of your hand or a little bit bigger.”

Some five years later, the rubber-enhanced coating is still holding strong.

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“Where it was filled in, it stretches, and it comes back,” Lillo said. “A traditional chip seal would last nowhere near that length of time. After the first year, almost guaranteed, it would have cracked.”

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million scrap tires annually, “basically one tire per resident of the state per year,” said Kirsten Clemens, scrap tire coordinator for the state’s environmental regulator, the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy.

What to do with those tires has been a problem for generations. The reservoirs from piles of scrap tires allow pooled water that’s a perfect breeding ground

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ABOVE: Saganing Road in Bay County’s Gibson Township is pictured after rubber-modified chip seal, using rubber from scrap tires, was applied over an existing asphalt road by the Bay County Road Commission in June 2021. PROVIDED BY THE BAY COUNTY ROAD

Pakistan seeks breakthrough on Iran

Strait, uranium stockpile are major sticking points

Jacob Bogage and Parisa Hafezi
REUTERS

WASHINGTON — Iran’s foreign minister met Pakistan’s interior minister on May 22 to discuss proposals to end the U.S.-Israeli war, Iranian media reported, with Tehran and Washington still at odds over Iran’s uranium stockpile and controls on the Strait of Hormuz.

Two days after presenting the Iranians with the latest U.S. message in the negotiations, Syed Mohsin Naqvi held



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another round of talks with Iranian Foreign Minister Abbas Araqchi in Tehran, the semi-official Tasnim and ISNA news agencies reported.

Naqvi was facilitating communication to try to achieve a framework for ending the war and resolving differences, ISNA reported. Secretary of State Marco Rubio told reporters on May 21 that there had been “some good signs” in the talks, but there could be no solution if Tehran enforced a tolling system in the Strait of Hormuz, which it effectively closed to most shipping after the war began on Feb. 28.

“There’s some good signs,” Rubio said. “I don’t want to be overly optimistic. ... So, let’s see what happens over the next few days.”

A senior Iranian source told Reuters on May 21 that gaps had been narrowed, although uranium enrichment and the Strait of Hormuz remained among the sticking points.

The war has wreaked havoc on the global economy, with the surge in oil prices stoking fears of rampant inflation. About a fifth of the world’s oil and liquefied natural gas shipments traveled through the Strait of Hormuz

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Experts say travel ban not effective

U.S. aims to stop spread of Ebola from Africa

Kristen Jordan Shamus and John Wisely

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Infectious disease experts say the temporary U.S. travel ban on people from the Democratic Republic of Congo, Uganda and South Sudan isn’t an effective strategy for stopping the spread of Ebola across international borders.

“Policies that single out individuals, not for any scientific or medical reason, but because of their citizenship won’t prevent outbreaks from spreading,” said Dr. Jeanne Marrazzo, chief executive officer of the Infectious Diseases Society of America, during a news conference Thursday, May 21.

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention imposed a 30-day ban beginning May 18 that prohibits non-U.S. passport holders from those central African countries from entering the U.S. because of a quickly growing outbreak of the Bun-

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ANALYSIS

Duggan’s departure is a boost for Benson

Abrupt exit likely ‘good news’ for Democrats

Arpan Lobo

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Former Detroit Mayor Mike Duggan’s abrupt departure from the race to become Michigan’s next governor is almost certainly a boost to Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson’s Democratic bid, political analysts say.

Duggan, who was seeking to upend state political norms by running as an independent candidate, said he no longer saw a path to victory and decided to end his run Thursday, May 21. He couldn’t continue to ask donors for money and campaign volunteers for their time in good conscience as his

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