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New road will alleviate traffic

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DELHI TWP. — Workers have broken ground on a new road that is expected to help traffic flow in a busy business district while paving the way for more growth.

Dart Development's purchase of an additional 41 acres of land adjacent to its Oakwood Executive Park will bring the total office park to 100 acres, according to spokesperson Steve Mills.

The park is part of the fast business growth in the Jolly, Pine Tree and Dunckel Roads area in the northeast part of the township.

The overall business district is adjacent to highways U.S. 127 and I-96 and a portion of it is considered Lansing city proper.

But the expansion will be on township land, according to Delhi Township Community Development Director Tracy Miller.

"We're excited about it," Miller said. "Everything has already been approved on our end."

The road will provide a valuable link between Dunckel, which currently dead ends, and Pine Tree Road. Increased traffic to the various businesses and doctor's offices has caused some headaches for drivers, Mills said.

"We're hoping this road will smooth things out," he said. "It will be a standard three-lane road with a left turn lane."

The park has 350,000 square feet supporting a variety of tenants fro technical services to manufacturing.

"We are looking forward to developing new space that meets the needs of today's business," said Dart Development spokesperson Marsha Zimmerman.

The road is expected to be completed no later than Nov. 1, Mills said. Once it is complete it will be under the control of the Ingham County Road Commission.

"It will be a public road," Mills said. "But we haven't named it yet."

Dart is hoping the new road will help make the area more desirable for new business.

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