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MDOT closing University Drive bridge over I-75 for reconstruction

COUNTY:
Oakland

HIGHWAY:
University Drive over I-75

CLOSEST CITY:
Auburn Hills

START DATE:
9 a.m.
Monday, June 22, 2015

ESTIMATED END DATE:
Fall 2015 (with restoration work in spring 2016)

PROJECT DETAILS:

The Michigan Department of Transportation is closing University Drive over I-75 as part of a \$25 million investment to reconstruct the interchange. University Drive will be closed between Opdyke Road and Cross Creek Road to allow crews to demolish the bridge.

Overall, the interchange will be rebuilt using a diverging diamond interchange (DDI) design, which will:

- eliminate loop ramps,
- reduce conflict points and delays,
- improve pedestrian safety,
- create a gateway to the community,
- produce lower traffic speeds,
- create shorter traffic cycles at the intersections,

- establish direct access from Chrysler Drive to northbound I-75, and
- provide westbound University Drive traffic increased acceleration distance to southbound I-75.

TRAFFIC IMPACT:

University Drive will be closed over I-75 between Opdyke Road and Cross Creek Road with traffic detoured. However, intersections within that area will remain open.

I-75 to University Drive:

Northbound I-75 motorists heading to westbound University Drive will be detoured to westbound M-59, then northbound Opdyke Road to westbound University Drive.

Southbound I-75 motorists heading to eastbound University Drive will be detoured via southbound M-24 (Lapeer Road), southbound Opdyke Road, eastbound Walton Road, and southbound Squirrel Road to University Drive

University Drive to I-75:

Eastbound University Drive motorists heading for northbound I-75 will be detoured to northbound Opdyke Road, then eastbound M-24 (Lapeer Road) to northbound I-75.

The eastbound University Drive ramp to southbound I-75 will remain open

The westbound University Drive ramp to northbound I-75 will remain open.

Westbound University Drive motorists heading for southbound I-75 will be detoured to southbound Squirrel Road, then westbound M-59 to southbound I-75.

Eastbound and westbound University Drive:

Eastbound University Drive will be detoured via northbound Opdyke Road, eastbound Walton Boulevard, and southbound Squirrel Road to eastbound University Drive.

Westbound University Drive will be detoured via southbound Squirrel Road, westbound Featherstone Road, and northbound Opdyke Road to westbound University Drive.

For more information on the I-75/University Drive interchange reconstruction project, go to: http://www.michigan.gov/mdot/0,4616,7-151-9621_11008-348948--S,00.html.

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