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MDOT closing Big Beaver Road under I-75 this weekend for bridge demolition in Oakland County

Fast facts:

- Segment 2 of the I-75 modernization project involves improving 18 bridges over a two-year period.
- Starting Friday night, crews will be demolishing the northbound I-75 bridges over Big Beaver Road.
- Big Beaver Road will reopen to traffic by 5 a.m. Monday, April 29.

April 24, 2019 -- Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) contracting crews will be closing both directions of Big Beaver Road under I-75 for bridge demolition starting at 10 p.m. Friday, April 26. The closure is needed for demolishing the northbound I-75 freeway and ramp bridges over Big Beaver Road. In addition to the road closure, crews will close the southbound I-75 exit to eastbound Big Beaver during demolition.

Currently, both directions of I-75 have two lanes open with all traffic using the southbound side of the freeway, separated by a temporary concrete barrier. This configuration will allow for the northbound lanes and bridges to be reconstructed this year and is expected to remain in place until late November. This weekend's closure will not impact traffic on I-75.

The posted detour for eastbound and westbound Big Beaver Road includes Livernois, Crooks and Maple roads. Both directions of Big Beaver Road and the southbound I-75 ramp to eastbound Big Beaver will reopen by 5 a.m. Monday, April 29.

This \$224 million project involves reconstructing more than 8 miles of pavement, improving 18 structures, upgrading drainage, constructing community-developed aesthetics and federally approved noise walls, and continuing construction of an additional travel lane between Coolidge Highway and 13 Mile Road.

The entire I-75 modernization project involves rebuilding approximately 18 miles of pavement, replacing bridges, adding a high-occupancy vehicle (HOV) lane in each direction, and bringing the freeway up to current design standards from north of M-102 (Eight Mile Road) to South Boulevard.

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