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Segment 2 of the I-75 modernization project in Oakland County begins Thursday, Feb. 28

Fast facts:

- Segment 2 involves rebuilding more than 8 miles of I-75 between Coolidge Highway and 13 Mile Road.
- In 2019, all I-75 traffic will be on the southbound side of the freeway, with two lanes open in each direction.
- This traffic shift will allow for the northbound lanes to be reconstructed this year.

February 25, 2019 -- Weather permitting, work on segment 2 of the I-75 modernization project in Oakland County will begin on Thursday, Feb. 28. Initially, the construction impacts will begin after morning rush hour on the southbound lanes from Adams Road to south of 13 Mile Road as crews begin preparations for a traffic shift. By Friday morning, around-the-clock lane closures will be in place with southbound traffic using the right shoulder as a travel lane. Due to this new configuration, the entrance ramps from Big Beaver and Rochester roads to southbound I-75, along with the exit to eastbound 14 Mile Road, will be closed for safety purposes.

This \$224 million project will involve 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 the high-occupancy vehicle (HOV) lanes between Coolidge Highway and 13 Mile Road.

By mid-March, it is expected that all traffic will be carried on the southbound side of the freeway. Two lanes will be open in each direction with a temporary concrete barrier separating northbound and southbound traffic. Temporary exits will be maintained for northbound traffic at 14 Mile Road, Rochester Road, Big Beaver Road, and Corporate Drive. A crossover at the Corporate Drive entrance ramp will allow traffic to access northbound I-75 while traffic is shifted onto the southbound lanes.

The entire I-75 modernization project involves rebuilding approximately 18 miles of pavement, replacing bridges, adding an 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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