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## **Bridge demolitions to close local roads under I-75 this weekend 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 bridges that carry northbound I-75 over 14 Mile and Long Lake roads.
- Both local roads will reopen to traffic by 5 a.m. Monday, April 8.

**April 3, 2019** -- The Michigan Department of Transportation's (MDOT) I-75 modernization project second segment takes another step forward with bridge demolitions starting Friday night. Contracting crews will be closing both directions of 14 Mile and Long Lake roads under I-75 for bridge demolition on the two structures that carry northbound I-75 over the local roads.

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.

Starting at 10 p.m. Friday, both directions of 14 Mile Road will be closed under I-75. Posted detours use John R. Road, Stephenson Highway, Maple Road and Rochester Road in both directions. Both directions of 14 Mile Road will reopen by 5 a.m. Monday, April 8.

Further north, both directions of Long Lake Road will close under I-75 beginning at 10 p.m. on Friday. Posted detours use Livernois, Big Beaver, and Crooks roads in each direction. Both directions of Long Lake Road will reopen to traffic by 5 a.m. Monday, April 8.

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 the high-occupancy vehicle (HOV) lanes between Coolidge Highway and 13 Mile Road.

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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