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Process to open segment 2 of the I-75 modernization project in Oakland County begins Friday, Dec. 27

Fast facts:

- Segment 2 of the I-75 modernization project involves reconstructing 8.5 miles of pavement in each direction and improving 18 bridges over a two-year period.
- The 2019 work focused on rebuilding the northbound lanes and replacing 11 bridges from 13 Mile Road to Coolidge Highway
- Placing northbound traffic on new pavement is scheduled to take place over the weekend.

December 23, 2019 -- Weather permitting, the process of switching northbound I-75 traffic to its pre-construction configuration is scheduled to begin at 7 a.m. Friday, Dec. 27. By the end of the day on Tuesday, Dec. 31, it is expected that northbound I-75 traffic will be using the new northbound pavement with three lanes open except for a 1-mile stretch from Big Beaver to Wattles roads, where only two lanes will be open due to the ongoing construction of a noise wall through the winter months. Northbound exit ramps are expected to open as work progresses.

Additionally, southbound I-75 will be reduced to one lane starting at 7 a.m. on Friday to continue the process to have all southbound lanes and ramps open by the end of the calendar year. Crews need to remove roughly 9 miles of temporary concrete barrier wall off the southbound lanes and restripe the freeway before fully opening travel lanes and ramps. To safely complete this work, southbound I-75 will have one lane open until 7 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 31. At that time, all exit and entrance ramps on both sides of the freeway will open to traffic.

Currently, both directions of I-75 are sharing the southbound side of the freeway, separated by a temporary concrete barrier between 13 Mile Road and Coolidge Highway. Two lanes are open in each direction.

This \$224 million project involves reconstructing more than 8 miles of pavement in each direction, 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.

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