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## MDOT to host public meeting in Southfield for I-696 project in Oakland and Macomb counties

### WHAT:

An open house-style public meeting to share information on the I-696 project between I-275 and I-94 scheduled to begin this spring. There will be exhibits displaying project locations, various types of work, and detours. Interested parties will have the opportunity to meet the construction team, learn current details and detours.

### WHO:

Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) staff  
Project consultants  
Residents and interested stakeholders

### WHEN:

Wednesday, April 4, 2018  
5:30-7:30 p.m.

### WHERE:

Southfield City Council Chambers  
26000 Evergreen Road  
Southfield

Accommodations can be made for persons with disabilities and limited English-speaking ability. Large print materials, auxiliary aids or the services of interpreters, signers, or readers available upon request. Please call 517-373-9534 to request at least seven days before meeting date.

### BACKGROUND:

The I-696 freeway carries approximately 150,000 vehicles a day through Oakland and Macomb counties. The section in Oakland County has areas that need pavement repair and major maintenance. The section in Macomb County is in very poor condition and the concrete will be replaced.

This expedited \$110 million project along the entire corridor is being performed with available funding this year before the nearby I-75 modernization project begins near I-696. If delayed, it may be until 2024 that the work could be performed, and only if funding would be available.

**TRAFFIC IMPACT:**

In Oakland County, the freeway will remain open weekdays from 5 a.m. to 9 p.m. with work being performed during overnights and weekends, including 10 weekends with freeway closures.

In Macomb County, eastbound I-696 will remain open from I-75 to I-94 while the westbound lanes will be closed from I-94 to I-75 for the entire project. The closing of one direction of the freeway will provide a safer work zone for construction crews and drivers.

To provide a freeway-to-freeway detour, the suggested detour for the westbound I-696 closure is westbound I-94 to northbound I-75 to westbound I-696. Eastbound I-94 traffic will also be detoured via northbound I-75 to westbound I-696.

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