



## **Michigan asks for patience as road construction heats up this weekend**

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Michigan's state transportation director is asking for drivers to show patience when maneuvering the state's many ongoing work zones.

Bradley Wieferich said the state's Department of Transportation (MDOT) is hearing concern and frustration from residents who feel "all construction is happening at once."

"We're hearing from drivers saying they wanted the roads fixed, but not every road at the same time," Wieferich said this week in a prepared statement.

"Like you, I and the other men and women at MDOT drive these roads and confront these same delays, but we're committed to improving infrastructure in the state of Michigan."

That work continues this weekend, with more than 40 new road closures scheduled for construction and special events from Friday, June 14, through Sunday, June 16.

Some of the major closures on tap this weekend include stretches of I-96 in Livingston County, U.S. 131 in Kent County, M-14 in Washtenaw and Wayne counties, and I-75 in Oakland County.

Below is a look at 11 significant closures to account for this weekend. All projects are weather-dependent. State officials remind drivers to slow down and follow posted signage in work zones.

A complete list of road projects and special event closures is available through MDOT's online [map](#) and [construction list](#).

### **I-96 in Livingston County**

Two lanes of westbound I-96 will be closed between Dorr Road and M-59 in Howell starting 8 p.m. Friday and continuing until 6 a.m. Monday.

### **I-75 in Oakland County**

Northbound I-75 will be closed between U.S. 24 (Exit 93) and Saginaw Road (Exit 106) starting at 9 p.m. Friday and continuing through 5 a.m. Monday.

Drivers will be detoured using Dixie Highway in Clarkston before returning to I-75 in Genesee County.

The work is being done to build emergency pull-off areas along the highway this summer. It's part of a four-year, \$160 million project to repair 15 miles of I-75 from M-15 (Ortonville Road) to the Oakland/Genesee county line.

### **U.S. 131 in Kent County**

Northbound U.S. 131 will have the left lane closed this weekend between 108th Street and 76th Street. The closure is scheduled for noon Friday through 6 p.m. Saturday.

On the southbound side, U.S. 131, between 68th Street and 76th Street, will have the left lane closed from 6 p.m. Saturday through mid-November.

### **M-140 in Berrien County**

Watervliet Road (M-140) between Carmody Road and Dan Smith Road will be reduced by one lane from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday. The road should be back open for the weekend, but will be reduced again during the day Monday and Tuesday.

### **M-14 in Wayne County**

Both directions of M-14 between Sheldon Road and I-275 near Plymouth will be completely closed from 8 p.m. Friday until 5 a.m. Monday. Drivers won't be able to use the I-275 exit ramps to M-14.

In the same area, the Robinwood Drive bridge over the highway will be closed from Thursday morning through early July.

### **I-96 in Wayne County**

The eastbound I-96 Express lanes will be closed this weekend between Outer Driver and M-8/Davison. The closure is scheduled for 8 p.m. Friday through 5 a.m. Monday.

### **M-43 in Van Buren County**

One lane of M-43 will be closed in each direction between M-40 and Van Kal Street starting at 7 a.m. Saturday. The closure is expected to continue into mid-July and affect traffic in both directions.

### **M-14 in Washtenaw County**

Drivers traveling west on M-14 may continue to experience delays where one lane is closed from west of Nixon Road to U.S. 23. The closure is scheduled to through mid-July.

The eastbound side will also have one lane closed from U.S. 23 to east of Pontiac Trail Road, and the exit ramp to southbound U.S. 23 will be closed from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday.

### **I-94 in Macomb County**

Traffic will be reduced to two lanes on I-94 around 9 Mile Road from 5 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday. During the same time, ramps to and from the highway and 9 Mile Road will be closed.

**I-75 in Crawford County**

If you're heading up north on I-75, be on the lookout for an ongoing single-lane closure between M-93 and County Road 612, near Hartwick Pines State Park. The left lane will continue to be closed into the fall.

**Mackinac Bridge**

Drivers heading up to the Mackinac Bridge will want to be aware of the left lane of I-75 being closed between Hebron Townhall Road and U.S. 31. The single-lane closure will continue into November.

Work on the bridge itself is expected to require another week of work due to prior weather delays. Once over the bridge, northbound I-75 remains closed around U.S. 2 for construction through June 24. Drivers will be detoured using exit 344A.