

What Is Being Done?

The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) is investing approximately \$24.5 million to rehabilitate 6.6 miles of I-96 between the village of Marne and the city of Walker, in Ottawa and Kent counties. This project includes widening the bridge along Walker Avenue over I-96 from two lanes to six lanes, and resurfacing I-96 with a concrete overlay. The project also includes realigning and reconstructing 0.5 mile of eastbound I-96, the addition of a southbound Walker Avenue loop ramp to eastbound I-96, and ramp reconstruction at the I-96 interchanges of Fruitridge Avenue, Walker Avenue, and 8th Avenue (M-11). Also included are guardrail improvements, new pavement markings and signing, parking lot pavement resurfacing at the Walker Rest Area, and right-of-way fence repairs.

The widening of the bridge along Walker Avenue over I-96 is being done in partnership with the city of Walker.

**For more information
contact the Grand Rapids
Transportation Service Center (TSC)
616-451-3091**

**visit MDOT's Web site
www.michigan.gov/mdot**

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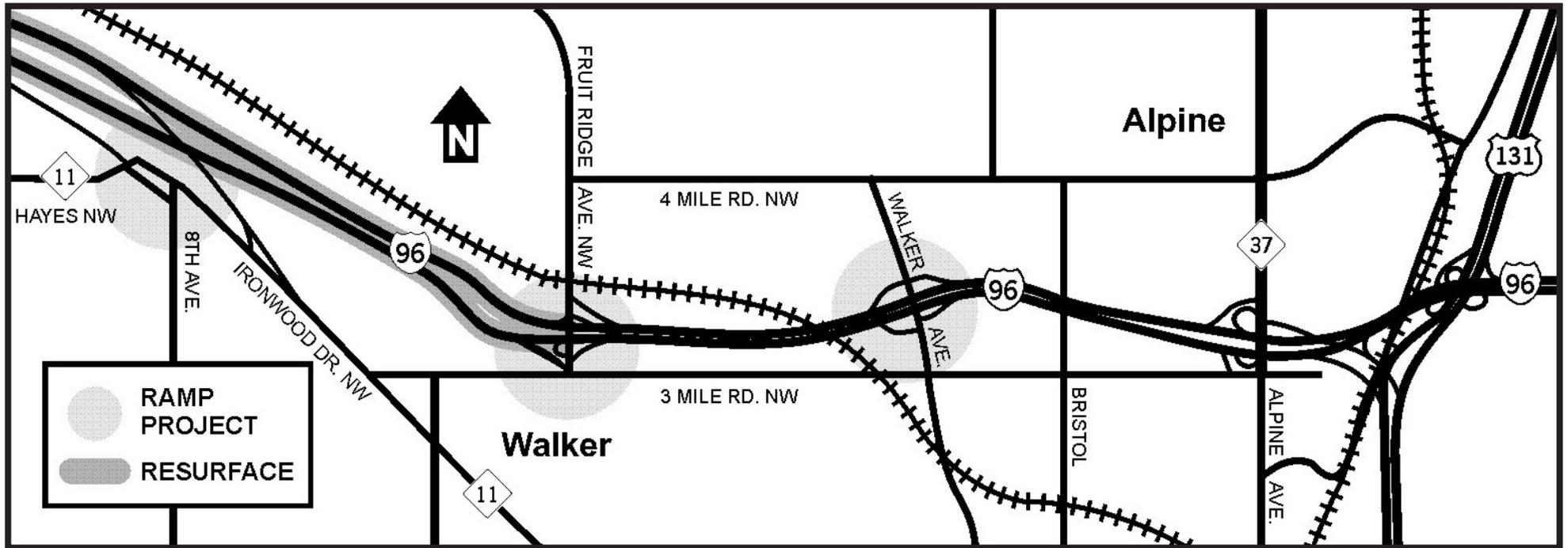


I-96 Rehabilitation between Marne and Walker

Construction and Motorist Information

April - November 2006

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When Will This Be Done?

As with many other highly successful projects in west Michigan, this work will be completed in multiple stages to reduce the impact to motorists.

Work will begin in April 2006, and continue through November 2006. Final restoration work will be completed between April and June of 2007.

How Will Traffic Be Affected?

Because I-96 is a heavily traveled commuter and commercial route, the project will be completed in stages to minimize the impact to area businesses and motorists.

Stage one, scheduled to begin in April 2006, will maintain three lanes of traffic along westbound I-96 (one eastbound and two westbound lanes) while eastbound I-96 is reconstructed. Preparation for this stage will include intermittent single lane closures along westbound I-96.

Stage two, scheduled to begin during summer 2006, will maintain three lanes of traffic along eastbound I-96 (one eastbound and two westbound lanes) while westbound I-96 is reconstructed.

Throughout both stages of the I-96 work, the bridge along Walker Avenue over I-96 also will be reconstructed in two stages. During the first stage, one lane of southbound traffic will be open along Walker Avenue on the east side of the bridge while the west side of the bridge is constructed. Northbound traffic will be detoured. During stage two, one lane each of northbound and southbound traffic will be available on the west side of the bridge while the east half of the bridge is constructed.

Throughout this project, ramp closures will be necessary at the interchanges of Fruitridge Avenue, Walker Avenue, and 8th Avenue (M-11) to allow for ramp reconstruction. Closures at adjacent interchanges will occur during short

periods on Thursdays and Fridays throughout both stages of the I-96 rehabilitation.

The Walker Rest Area along eastbound I-96 will be closed from April to July, in order to allow for resurfacing of the parking lot.

How Will We Keep Motorists Informed?

MDOT is committed to keeping you informed about current and future lane closures, detour routes, and project updates. For lane closure information, visit the MDOT Web site at www.michigan.gov/mdot or call MDOT's Road Repair Hotline at 616-482-PAVE [7238]. Electronic traffic updates also are available from the Office of Communications via e-mail. If you would like to be included on the electronic mailing list, contact Dawn Garner at GarnerDa@michigan.gov.