

M-85 (Fort Street) Bascule Bridge Replacement Over the Rouge River in Detroit 2013 - 2015

Project Status Update

The Michigan Department of Transportation is replacing the M-85 (Fort Street) bascule bridge over the Rouge River, originally constructed in the early 1920s. Construction started in spring 2013 and M-85 is scheduled to reopen in mid-January 2015. Work will continue after M-85 reopens, stretching into the 2015 construction season.

M-85 was closed to traffic in July 2013 and the original structure was removed. The majority of utility relocation and road work is already complete. Structural and mechanical bridge components are being fabricated and are expected to be completed by the end of June.

How traffic is affected

Westbound Fort Street Detours:

- 1. Freeway Detour:** Westbound Fort Street to northbound Springwells Street, then the westbound I-75 service drive to southbound I-75. Take the Schaefer Road exit ramp (Exit 43A) to southbound Schaefer Road, and back to westbound Fort Street.
- 2. Local Street Detour:** Westbound Fort Street to northbound Miller Road, then westbound Dix Highway to eastbound Oakwood Boulevard, and back to westbound Fort Street.

Eastbound Fort Street Detours:

- 1. Freeway Detour:** Eastbound Fort Street to the I-75 entrance ramp to northbound I-75, then take the Dearborn exit ramp (Exit 44) to westbound Dearborn Street, and back to eastbound Fort Street.
- 2. Local Street Detour:** Eastbound Fort Street to westbound Oakwood Boulevard, then northbound Dix Highway to southbound Miller Road, and back to eastbound Fort Street.

For More Information

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