

# GUIDE TO I-75/I-96 Your Gateway Connection



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### Detroit Area Access Map

Traffic information beginning February 2008

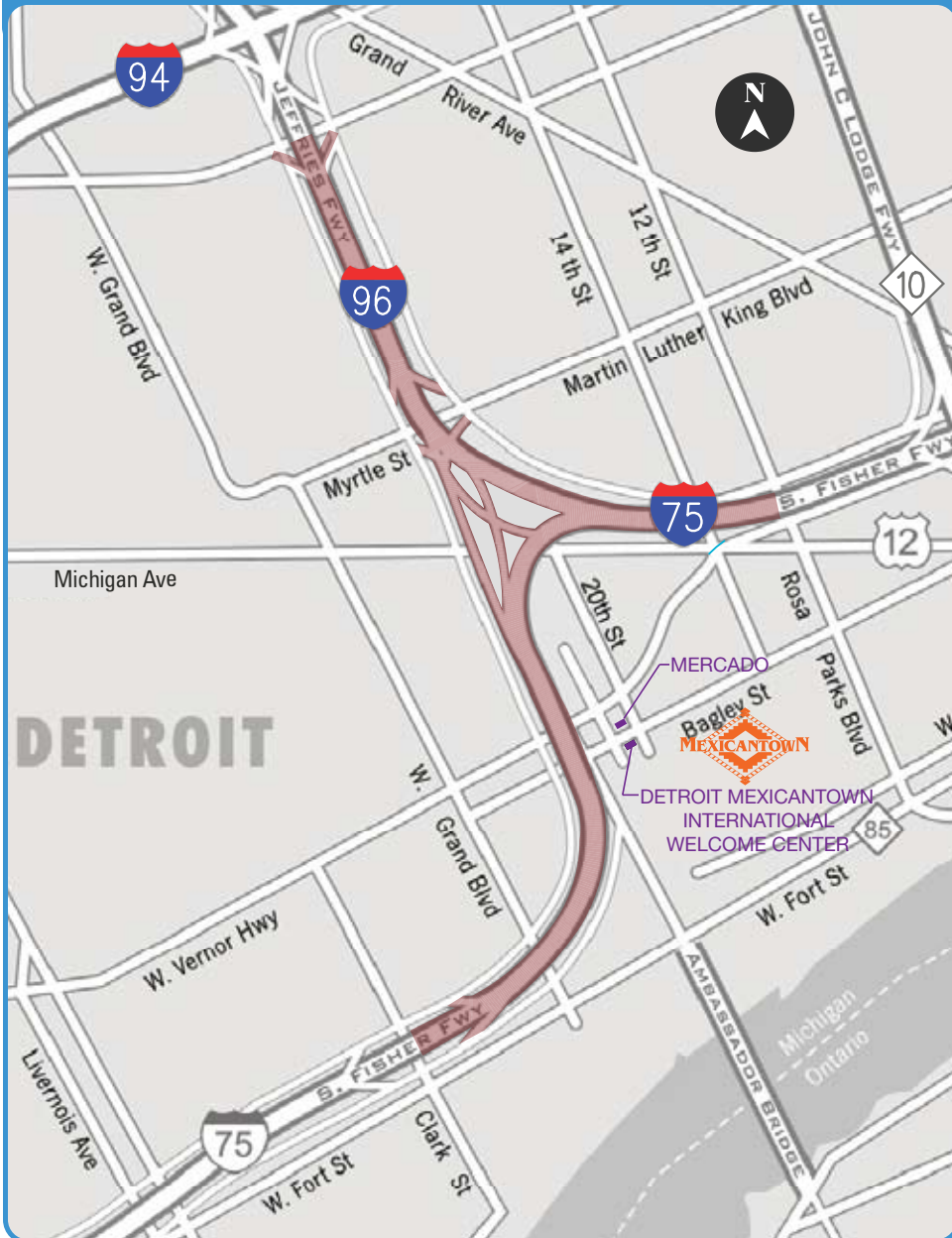
Continue to watch the website for additional information and specific dates as the project start date approaches.



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## GATEWAY PROJECT AREA



### From the Ambassador Bridge to Freeways

#### From bridge to the north

- Exit bridge plaza to temporary ramp to I-75 north to M-10 north to M-8 east to I-75 north

#### From bridge to the south

- Exit bridge plaza to 21st Street north to Vernor Highway west to Clark Street south to I-75 south

#### From bridge to the east

- Exit bridge plaza to temporary ramp to I-75 north to M-10 north to I-94 east

#### From bridge to the west

- Exit bridge plaza to temporary ramp to I-75 north to M-10 north to I-94 west (*left lane exit*)

### From all Freeways to the Ambassador Bridge

#### From the north to the Ambassador Bridge

- I-75 south to M-8 west to M-10 south to I-94 west to I-96 east and follow posted detour to bridge
- I-96/I-275 south to I-96 east and follow posted detour to bridge
- M-10 south to I-94 west to I-96 east and follow posted detour to bridge

#### From the south to the Ambassador Bridge

- I-75 north to Clark Street exit

#### From the east to the Ambassador Bridge

- I-94 west to I-96 east and follow posted detour to bridge

#### From the west to the Ambassador Bridge

- I-94 east to I-96 east and follow posted detour to bridge
- I-96 east to posted detour

### To Mexicantown

#### From the north to Mexicantown

- I-75 south to Rosa Parks Boulevard exit and follow detour signs
- I-96/I-275 south to I-96 east to Martin L. King Boulevard/Michigan Avenue exit south on service drive to Vernor Highway
- M-10 south to I-94 west to I-96 east to Martin L. King Boulevard/ Michigan Avenue exit south on service drive to Vernor Highway

#### From the south to Mexicantown

- I-75 north to Livernois Avenue exit turn right to Fort Street east to Clark Street north to Vernor Highway

#### From the east to Mexicantown

- I-94 west to I-96 east to Martin L. King Boulevard/Michigan Avenue exit south on service drive to Vernor Highway

#### From the west to Mexicantown

- I-94 east to I-96 east to Martin L. King Boulevard/Michigan Avenue exit south on service drive to Vernor Highway

**WHAT:** The MDOT I-75 Ambassador Bridge Gateway Project is the largest project in MDOT history. It is a major economic development project connecting area freeways to the Ambassador Bridge and Detroit's Mexicantown neighborhood. The project includes:

- Reconstructing I-75 and I-96 freeways and creating a new interchange for the bridge and local access
- A state-of-the-art pedestrian bridge across I-75 and I-96 connecting east and west Mexicantown in southwest Detroit
- A redesigned Ambassador Bridge Plaza that will improve safety and ease traffic flow

**WHERE:** A section of I-75 between Clark Street and I-96 will be closed to through traffic during construction. However, access to the Ambassador Bridge and to the community will be maintained throughout the project. All Mexicantown businesses will be fully accessible, including the new Detroit Mexicantown International Welcome Center and Mercado.

**WHEN:** The project will start late February 2008 and will fully re-open to traffic by December 2009.

**WHY:** The Ambassador Bridge, along with the I-94 and I-75/I-96 freeways, is part of a vital North American trade route. Thousands of vehicles travel these routes each day and approximately 11 million vehicles cross the bridge each year. Maintaining these routes and providing for future traffic expansion is key to regional growth and economic prosperity.

**ECONOMIC IMPACT:** The Gateway Project will have substantial positive economic impacts on the region. As a key element of MDOT's Five Year Plan, it will contribute to generating billions in Gross State Domestic Project and real personal income over the five years.

**WHAT TO DO:**

- Consider using buses, carpools and vanpools
- Plan an alternate and a backup alternate route
- Check [www.michigan.gov/gateway](http://www.michigan.gov/gateway) for the latest project updates throughout construction

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alternate means  
of transportation

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[www.smartbus.org](http://www.smartbus.org)  
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[www.semcog.org](http://www.semcog.org)  
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313.962.7045  
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517.334.9100



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