

Michigan Department of Transportation

The Fix on I-196 Prep Work and Pre-Construction Grand Rapids

Construction and Motorist Information
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What Is Being Done?

The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) has begun prep work and pre-construction for the widening and reconstruction of I-196 in Grand Rapids. This project, known as "The Fix on I-196", is scheduled to begin in 2010.

Prep work extends from Fuller Avenue to the Grand River and includes constructing dual left-turn lanes on the westbound I-196 off ramp to Fuller Avenue; reconstructing Lafayette Avenue under I-196, including the Lafayette/Hastings Street intersection; pavement and shoulder repairs along I-196; ITS installation; and median removal on southbound Ottawa Avenue to provide access to eastbound Michigan Avenue.

This project is funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA).

When Will This Be Done?

Work began in October and is expected to be finished by the end of November.

How Will Traffic Be Affected?

Lane and shoulder closures will be used during off-peak hours. Short-term ramp closures will take place at the Ottawa Avenue/I-196 interchange. Lafayette/Hastings intersection traffic will be maintained under flag control.

Long-term Benefits

This \$40 million investment will improve safety and increase traffic capacity on this major urban corridor. Prep work is being done now so the major work can begin as soon as possible in the 2010 construction season. The reason for the prep work is to construct and prepare for the staging sequences needed when I-196 through-traffic is closed next spring. This will provide the necessary capacity for motorists with downtown destinations.

How Will We Keep Motorists Informed?

For up-to-date information on this and other projects, go to the list of statewide lane closures at: www.michigan.gov/drive.

For More Information

Call the Grand Rapids Transportation Service Center at 616-464-1800.

Visit MDOT's Web site at: www.michigan.gov/mdot.

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