

WHAT: The MDOT I-75 Ambassador Bridge Gateway Project is the largest project construction letting 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 is also being constructed by the Detroit International Bridge Company (DIBC) 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.

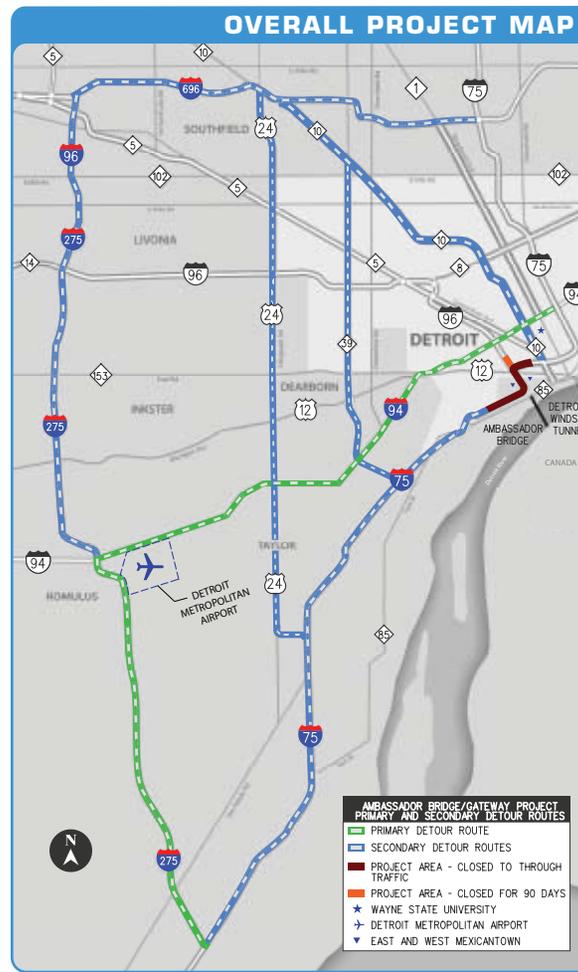
WHEN: The project will start late February 2008 and will fully re-open to traffic by December 2009.

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 Product and real personal income over the five years.

WHAT TO DO:

- Plan an alternate and a backup alternate route
- Plan your route ahead of time and watch closely for posted detours
- Check www.michigan.gov/gateway for the latest project updates throughout construction



For up-to-the-minute updates on construction and traffic, turn to WWJ Newsradio 950, for Traffic and Weather Together on the Eights...



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MDOT I-75 Ambassador Bridge Gateway Project

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

FOR TRUCK DRIVERS



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FOR TRUCK DRIVERS

 The following ramps will remain OPEN throughout the project:

- Northbound I-75 to Clark Street
- Clark Street to southbound I-75
- Rosa Parks Boulevard to northbound I-75
- Warren Avenue to eastbound I-96
- Westbound I-96 to Warren Avenue

 The following ramps will be CLOSED for the full duration of the project:

- Clark Street to northbound I-75
- Rosa Parks Boulevard to southbound I-75

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Trucks to Freeways

 **Directions to the North from the Ambassador Bridge:**

Exit truck plaza to Fort Street east to 15th Street north. Follow to Lafayette Boulevard east and follow posted detour.

 **Directions to the South from the Ambassador Bridge:**

Exit truck plaza to Fort Street west to Clark Street north to I-75 south.

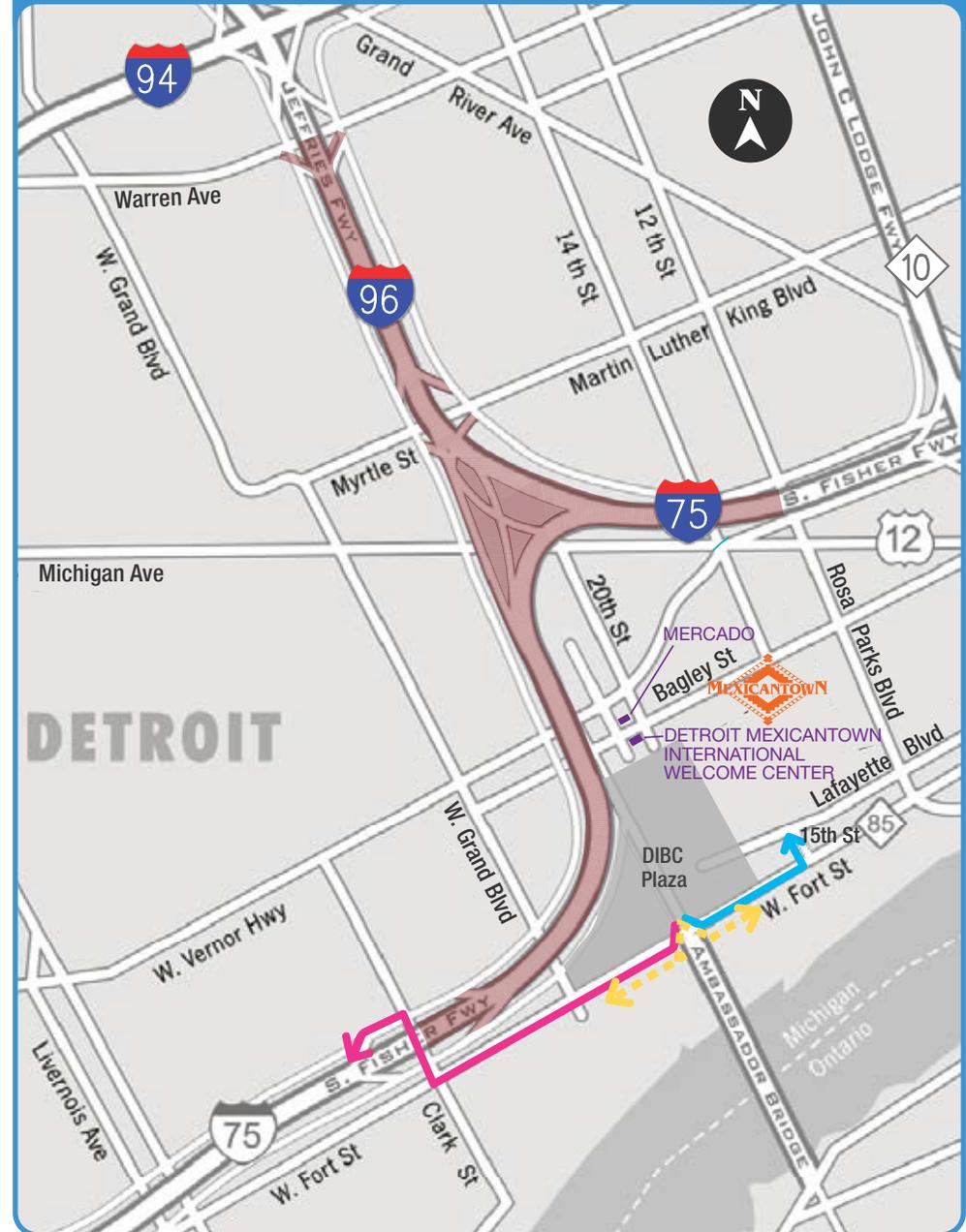
Trucks to Local Roads

 **From the Ambassador Bridge to local roads:**

Exit truck plaza to Fort Street east or west and follow to local roads.

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GATEWAY PROJECT AREA



There are separate routes for trucks. Commuter vehicles and commercial trucks will not be sharing the same detours. This will help improve traffic flow on detour routes for commuters, trucks and other travelers.