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Pre-1837

First land transportation corridors were the Indian trails - Saginaw Trail, Grand River Trail, Detroit Trail, and Shiawassee Trail. All of the original Pontiac Trail, parallel to and west of modern I-75

1849

Walled Lake was explored with plank roads from Detroit to Pontiac

1947

I-75 corridor was included in the system that later became the Interstate Highway System

1955

I-75 was completed in the downed condition of National System of Interstate Highways

1957

I-75 is incorporated in the State Trunkline Highway System as M-54

First sections of freeway were open near the Ohio state line

Maumee Bridge opens

1958

The State Highway Department began planning the I-75 route location

First route markers were installed on the Detroit-Toledo Expressway

1960

Delaware Cascade bridge opens

1961

The Fisher Freeway Route Location Report was approved, and engineering and planning report was completed

1962

International Bridge opens to Canada

1963

New "I-75" signage installed

1964

Three miles of Interstate from the downtown Detroit area were opened to the north and southbound

Mid-1960s

Planned a Detroit-Country in a start-stop manner following the Detroit Freeway Plan to minimize impacts

1966

Stephenson Highway construction between Big Beaver and 14 Mile Road (Somerset Avenue)

1967

Clinton River Bridge

Mile 1967

Interstate construction between Square Lake & Long Lake Roads completed

1968

Final northern segment of freeway within Detroit is completed

1969

Dixboro bridge on I-75 is named for Dr. Edward Lapham, Monroe County Historian

1970

Final Detroit segment is completed

1971

Final Oakland County segment is opened from Hazel Park and Royal Oak

1973

Final section between Alger and Roscommon was opened as a dedication by Governor William G. Milliken, completing the Interstate Highway System

1977

I-75 was completed from Tampa, Florida to Sault Ste. Marie

1988

Zilwaukee Bridge, the nation's largest cable-stayed bridge, was opened to replace the Saginaw Bridge

1991

I-75 Corridor Study for Northern Oakland County was completed and presented due to increased congestion

2000

I-75 Feasibility Study was completed

I-75 Corridor Study Newsletter Issue 1

2002

Early Preliminary Engineering (EPE) and environmental study was completed

2003

Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) completed

- Cash Analysis
- Evaluation of Median Crossover
- Air Quality Analysis
- Alternatives Analysis
- Detroit and Committee Coord Analysis
- Project Area Communication Survey
- Noise Analysis
- Public Open House

Released and evaluated public comments and responses.

Developed Preferred Alternative based on comments.

2004

Hosted Public Hearing

2005

Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) completed

- Concluding Open House
- Interchange Access Justification Study
- I-75 at Lincoln Avenue Local Road Alternatives

2006

Approval from Federal Highway Administration on Preferred Selected Alternative – Record of Decision

2009

Engineering Report for South Oakland County Segment completed for Selected Alternative

2010

Engineering Report for M-102 to 8 Mile Road completed for Selected Alternative

The M-59 Fast-Irving Bypass Avenue pedestrian bridge (first added phased pedestrian bridge in Michigan) opened

2011

Success Management Workshop Meeting Held Selected Alternative

- High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) and project implementation video released

2012

Evaluation of Conceptual Alternatives Report for Selected Alternative

2013

Interactive Aesthetic Workshops

- Steering Committee Meeting - October
- Public Workshop - October
- Steering Committee Meeting - November
- Development of Project Management Team Meeting
- Development of Aesthetic Theme
- Development of Initial Design Plan (IDP) Landscape, Art and Noise analysis study begins
- Steering Committee Meeting - Executive Level
- Steering Committee Meeting - December
- Steering Committee Meeting - May
- Final Open House - June

2014

Completion of Interactive Aesthetic Workshops

- Second Public Workshop - February
- Selection of Mid-Century style elements
- Steering Committee Meeting - March
- Development of Project Management Team Meeting
- Steering Committee Meeting - September
- Development of Aesthetic Theme
- Development of Initial Design Plan (IDP) continued
- Art and Noise analysis study begins
- Steering Committee Meeting - Executive Level
- Steering Committee Meeting - May

2015

Construction Segments

- Completion of Federal Cost Estimate Review
- Project development for 2016 Design-Build construction segment from 8 Mile Road to North of South Boulevard
- Construction segments
- Federal Award of CDF Grants

- Start of the construction work bid begins
- Open Public participation - Procurement method finalized and RFQ advertised

2016

Construction will begin from 8 Mile Road to North of South Boulevard (Spring)

- Selection of Design-Build Team
- Completion of Mobile App for I-75 Corridor
- Development of remaining segments of project corridor

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