

I-94 Questions and Comments
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What is being done about noise mitigation?

During the design of the project in 2017, the need for additional noise impact and abatement analysis was evaluated and determined that a new analysis will need to be completed when mainline I-94 is widened to add capacity. The current project in 2018 and 2019 will not add capacity to mainline I-94. This was approved in the Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the I-94 Jackson Freeway Modernization project in 2006 and the re-evaluation of the EIS in 2017.

I feel you have tried to cover all concerns by the people. Thank you!

This has been a dangerous stretch of highway for a long time. Glad to see something is finally getting done.

Are the signs for West Avenue to be renamed to include "West Ave"?

We will not be placing signs for "West Ave" along I-94. MDOT sign guidelines recommend that two destination names should be shown on the freeway advanced guide and exit direction signs. For the I-94/West Avenue/US-127 interchange, this allows us to sign for Jackson and Lansing. Additionally, multiple logo signs are in place at this interchange to direct traffic into the business district of West Avenue.

Can the public see a copy of this slideshow on a website?

A copy of the slideshow will be posted on the project website at www.michigan.gov/I94jackson.

There are four roads that cross I-94 that get people back and forth - West Avenue, Lansing Avenue, Cooper Street, and Elm Road. Where are you going to start? Elm Avenue should be improved first. The current project will reconstruct Cooper Street over I-94. Currently, the Lansing Avenue bridge over I-94 and the Elm Avenue bridge and interchange over I-94 are scheduled for reconstruction in 2021.

How will Cooper Street resurfacing be phased through its completion? Will lanes be open during construction? Will traffic be reduced due to the bridge closure?

The resurfacing of Cooper Street from Porter Street to Ganson Street will take place in spring 2019. The work will be completed using flag control and lane closures. Access to homes and businesses will be provided. This work will take place when the Cooper Street ramps are closed, which will result in lower traffic volumes.

It appears that you already are planning on widening to three lanes from US-127 to US-127 and lengthening the on ramps over time. Those were my concerns. Also, make sure all catch basin manhole covers are flush and put merge signs on all on ramps to remind drivers that it is their responsibility to merge.

I believe three lanes in both directions should be incorporated into this project at this time. With all the accidents in this section, it should be made an MDOT priority.

The bridges will be constructed to accommodate an additional lane in each direction in the future.

Please add a second lane on westbound I-94 beside the off ramp at Elm Avenue. (There was a diagram on the back of the comment form.)

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There will be a continuous ramp lane constructed between the westbound Elm Avenue entrance ramp and the westbound Cooper Street exit ramp. Also, there will be a continuous ramp lane constructed between the eastbound Cooper Street entrance ramp and the eastbound Elm Avenue exit ramp.

The traffic lights are hard to see on southbound US-127 just before I-94. Several accidents.

If the Lansing Avenue bridge starts after June it will help my spring business at Beck's Flowers.
We will take this comment into consideration as the future design of the Lansing Avenue bridge replacement begins.

Specifically about the temporary and permanent landscaping adjacent to our property (Zimmer Marble Co., Inc.).

There are potholes on Hillsdale and Blackstone street. Will those roads be fixed when the job is done?
We will investigate these roadways and try to determine if there is responsibility for MDOT to address repairs on these county/city roads due to our construction project.