I-94 Q & A updated 03.14.19

Q. What about excess MDOT property near Elm Rd?

A. MDOT will evaluate any excess property along the I-94 corridor and interchanges once construction is fully complete, possibly near 2022.

Q. Is MDOT planning on acquiring any homes along I-94, specifically Young Road?

A. MDOT is not proposing to acquire any homes along Young Road.

Q. When will Cooper Street bridge be closed?

A. The Cooper Street bridge over I-94 is expected to close on March 12, 2019.

Q. When do they expect to open the new Cooper Street bridge?

A. The new bridge is expected to open in September 2019.

Q. Where is all the diverted traffic from Cooper Street going to be go?

A. Cooper Street traffic will be detoured using Parnall Road, US-127/West Ave, Michigan Ave and vice versa.

Q. What is the monetary figure you use for purchasing residential property?

A. When MDOT evaluates property values, we hire a licensed appraiser.

Q. Will MDOT be purchasing additional residential property on Cooper Street just south of the Beef Barn for this project?

A. We are not proposing to purchase any additional properties on Cooper Street for this project.

Q. There is concern on how much exhaust and fumes can be smelled from all the traffic on I-94 now. What is it going to be like with more lanes and traffic? Can a wall be built?

A. A noise evaluation will be completed as part of the environmental re-evaluation of the West Avenue interchange, Lansing bridge replacement and Elm Road interchange replacement. The I-94 project area, in Jackson County, is in attainment for all criteria pollutants, therefore, no air quality analysis is required. Attainment means the level of any criteria pollutants (carbon monoxide [CO], fine particulate matter [PM2.5], ozone [O3], nitrogen dioxide [NO2], etc.) has been monitored does not exceed the EPA's pollutant standards known as the National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS).

Q. Regarding the Barrett Lane/Elm Street construction: 1) Need berm along the highway to replace trees and houses removed for light and sound barrier; 2) Park & Ride to be located on the north side of highway not off Carmen.

A. MDOT will take your comment about the carpool lot into consideration and understand your concerns. MDOT will also evaluate opportunities to include an earth berm and vegetation along the eastbound I-94 and the exit ramp to Elm Road.

Q. Would like to see a 6 traffic lane concept continue between M-60 and Sargent.

A. The I-94 modernization study proposed 3 lanes in each direction on I-94 from M-60 to Sargent. After 2021, I-94 will have 3 lanes between the US-127 north and US-127 south interchanges. Funding for widening the rest of I-94 has not been identified at this time.

Q. Andrew Avenue is 2 blocks long and posted 25 mph. It connects Lansing Avenue to West Avenue. We constantly get semi-trucks traveling our neighborhood street. This street was never designed to carry the weight of these trucks. Would it be possible to have a "No Sem-Trucks Allowed" sign for Andrew Avenue? I am concerned Andrew will get more semi-trucks traveling through during this construction. The road was top-coated last year and is already showing cracks due to heavy traffic.

A. MDOT will forward this comment to Jackson County Department of Transportation about signing on Andrew Avenue.

Q. On my motorcycle, there are a few intersections my bike does not trip the light and it stays red. Any ideas?

A. Some intersection detection devices have a hard time picking up motorcycles. We will contact you to find out which location and try to adjust.

Q. More police presence on the freeway and Rosehill Drive, Parnall Road, Cooper Street, and M-106 is requested.

A. MDOT has contracted with the Michigan State Police to provide additional patrols within the work zone.

Q. Why is Lansing Avenue not being done this year?

A. The replacement of the Lansing Avenue bridge and the Elm Road interchange will be constructed in 2021. MDOT is unable to complete these projects in the current year due to budget constraints.

Q. I disagree on the roundabout on Rosehill and Seymour. Would prefer a traffic light.

A. MDOT has coordinated with Jackson County Department of Transportation and is moving forward with the proposed roundabout at the intersection of Rosehill and Seymour. This is a safer solution and provides a high level of traffic operations.

Q. Can you install a No Turn on Red sign on the WB I-94 exit ramp to Elm Road?

A. MDOT will evaluate this request.

Q. Can you add the I-94 presentation and the video of the West Avenue interchange options to the website?

A. MDOT will add these documents to the website.

Q. Can you remove the dead trees along EB I-94/Boardman between Airport and West Avenue near the new ROW fence?

A. MDOT will add these removals to the current contract.

Q. Can you delay the Lansing Avenue bridge closure in 2021 until after Mothers' Day? This closure will impact the flower shop and waiting until after this holiday will help.

A. MDOT will evaluate this request as we review the schedule for the Lansing Avenue bridge replacement and the Elm Road interchange replacement, both occurring in 2021.