

What Is Being Done?

The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) will reconstruct approximately 1.75 miles of I-196 in Grand Rapids from the Grand River bridge to Fuller Avenue.

This \$40 million project includes widening I-196 from two through-lanes in each direction to three; constructing new weave/merge lanes in each direction between the Ottawa/Ionia and College interchanges, as well as between the College and Fuller interchanges; replacing the Coit, Diamond and Eastern avenue bridges over I-196; and replacing the eastbound and westbound I-196 bridges over Lafayette Avenue.

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

When Will This Be Done?

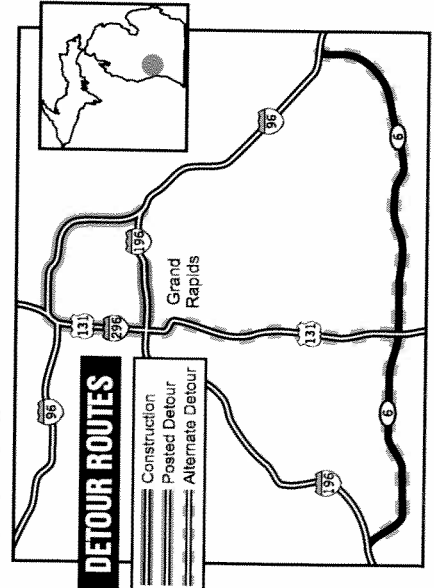
2010 work begins in mid-April and all lanes are expected to be open to traffic by late November. The entire project is scheduled to be complete in late summer 2011.

Long-term Benefits

The additional through-lanes in each direction will ease congestion and accommodate higher traffic volumes, support economic development and enhance the gateway to downtown Grand Rapids. The reconstruction of the roadway and bridges will improve the ride quality and traffic flow for motorists while the weave/merge lanes will increase safety.

How Will We Keep Motorists Informed?

A minimum of 18 message boards will be used throughout the area informing motorists of closures, delays, travel times and detours.



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For More Information

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

Visit MDOT's
Fix on I-196 Web site at:
www.michigan.gov/i196

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



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How Will Traffic Be Affected?

Stage 1

April – August 2010

- Eastbound and westbound I-196 traffic will have local access to the College Avenue interchange, but no through-traffic beyond College Avenue
 - Westbound access to Fuller Avenue and College Avenue off ramps
 - Eastbound access to Ottawa Avenue and College Avenue off ramps
- Through-traffic will be detoured around the project area via M-6 and I-96 to US-131 in order to get back onto I-196.

Stage 2

August – November 2010

Phase 2A (August – October 2010)

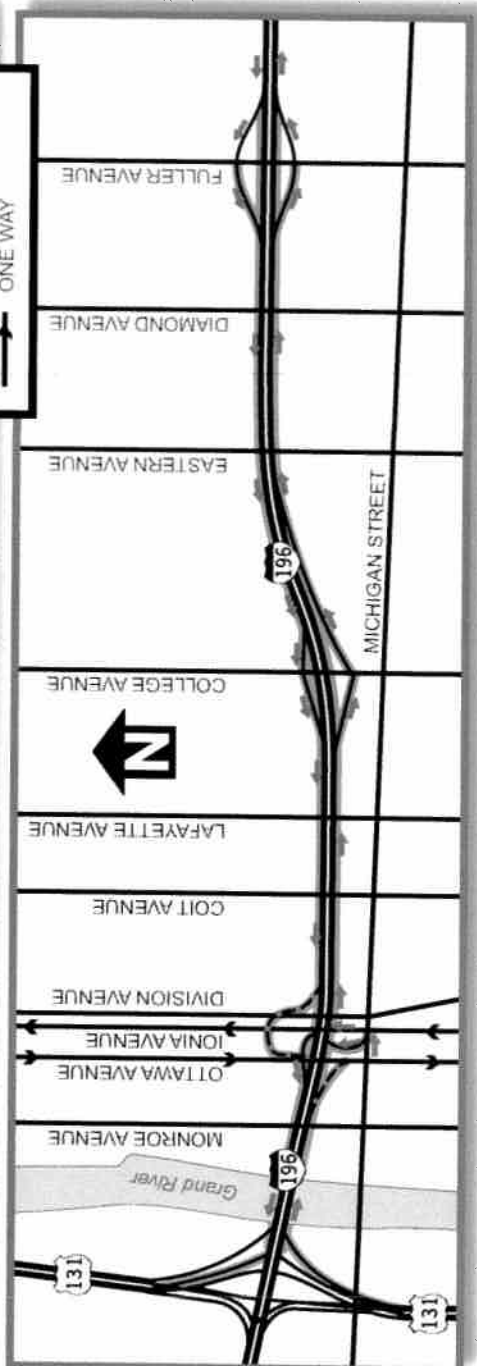
- Two I-196 lanes open to through-traffic in both directions
 - Fuller Avenue interchange
 - All ramps open
- College Avenue interchange
 - Eastbound I-196 off ramp to College Avenue closed
 - All other ramps open
- Ottawa Avenue, Ionia Avenue and Division Avenue interchanges
 - Eastbound I-196 off ramp open
 - All other ramps closed

Phase 2B (October – November 2010)

- Two I-196 lanes open to through-traffic in both directions
- Fuller Avenue and College Avenue interchanges
 - All ramps open
- Ottawa Avenue, Ionia Avenue and Division Avenue interchanges
 - Ionia Avenue on ramps to eastbound and westbound I-196 open
 - All other ramps closed



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