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## I-696 Restore the Reuther project update: I-696 bridge closure over Inkster Road extended to mid-October

FARMINGTON HILLS, Mich., (Oct. 4, 2023) - The I-696 bridge closure over Inkster Road (between 11 Mile and 12 Mile roads) for bridge painting has been extended through the middle of October due to issues with the painting system. Inkster Road will remain open to local traffic only between 11 Mile and 12 Mile roads up to the I-696 bridges.

### Detours:

- Northbound Inkster Road traffic will use westbound 11 Mile Road to northbound Middlebelt Road, then eastbound 12 Mile Road back to Inkster Road.
- Southbound Inkster Road traffic will use westbound 12 Mile Road to southbound Middlebelt Road, then eastbound 11 Mile Road back to Inkster Road.

### Project information:

This \$275 million project includes rebuilding the roadway from the base up, including storm sewer replacement work and rebuilding ramps at Orchard Lake Road, American Drive, Franklin Road, and US-24 (Telegraph Road).

This year, eastbound I-696 is being rebuilt from I-275 to east of US-24 (Telegraph Road). Westbound lanes will be rebuilt in 2024. Project details can be found at [DrivingOakland.com](http://DrivingOakland.com).

Funding for this project is made possible by Gov. Gretchen Whitmer's Rebuilding Michigan program to rebuild the state highways and bridges that are critical to the state's economy and carry the most traffic. The investment strategy is aimed at fixes that result in longer useful lives and improve the condition of the state's infrastructure.

Based on economic modeling, this investment is expected to directly and indirectly support 3,328 jobs.

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