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## I-696 Restore the Reuther project: Northbound Orchard Lake ramp to I-696 closed for rebuilding in Oakland County

FARMINGTON HILLS, Mich. - The I-696 Restore the Reuther Rebuilding Michigan project is moving to the next phase of rebuilding the interchange ramps at Orchard Lake.

Beginning 8 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 9, until Saturday, Oct. 14, the northbound Orchard Lake ramp to eastbound I-696 ramp will be closed for ramp rebuilding.

Northbound Orchard Lake traffic will be detoured further north to eastbound 12 Mile Road, then southbound M-10 (Northwestern Highway) to eastbound I-696.

### 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).

During the 2023 construction season, 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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