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I-696 Restore the Reuther project update: Local bridge work closes Inkster Road under I-696

FARMINGTON HILLS/SOUTHFIELD, Mich. - Crews working on the I-696 Restore the Reuther Rebuilding Michigan project will begin bridge painting on [the I-696 bridges over Inkster Road](#) in the city of Farmington Hills.

Beginning 7 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 5, until Friday, Sept. 29, Inkster Road will be closed under I-696 during bridge painting. 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).

During 2023 eastbound I-696 will be 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.

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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