

ROAD WATCH

ROAD IMPROVEMENTS
Road improvements could cause delays on the following Oakland County Roads this week. Roads are open unless noted. Alternative routes are advised in all instances.

WADSWORTH ROAD
From: I-75 to Delevan
Communities: Auburn Hills and Lake Angelus
Details: The road is being widened from two lanes to a six lane boulevard. The project is expected to be completed by Oct. 31.

BRIDGE LAKE
From: Rattlesnake Lake Road to Davisburg Road
Community: Springfield Township
Details: A road paving project is being conducted through the end of August.

DEQUINDRE ROAD
From: Big Beaver to Wattles
Community: Troy
Details: Dequindre is being widened from two to five lanes. The project is expected to be completed by Oct. 31.

DIXIE HIGHWAY
From: Davisburg through the county line
Communities: Springfield, Graveland and Holly townships
Details: The road will be resurfaced from June 16-19.

MELIZABETH LAKE
From: M-59 to Cass Lake Road
Community: Waterford
Details: This section of road will be closed through mid-July to repair a damaged sewer line.

TELEGRAPH
From: Telegraph to M-59
Community: Waterford
Details: Concrete is being repaired. One lane will be closed at all times through July 3.

GRAND RIVER
At: Farmington Road
Community: Farmington
Details: Grand River (M-5) will be reduced to one lane in each direction through Sept. 15.

ORCHARD LAKE ROAD
At: Grand River
Community: Farmington Hills
Details: There will be alternating lane closures through Aug. 13.

MAPLE ROAD
From: Franklin to Telegraph
Community: Bloomfield Township
Details: There will be periodic lane closures for resurfacing through mid-July.

NORTHWESTERN HIGHWAY
At: Telegraph Road
Community: Southfield
Details: The ramp from northbound Northwestern to southbound Telegraph will be closed intermittently during non-rush hour periods. The ramp from northbound Telegraph to I-696 and northbound Northwestern Highway will be closed until Oct. 30.

SERVICE DRIVE
Community: Southfield
Details: The left service drive lane will be closed at Evergreen and the right lane of the Evergreen bridge will be closed through June 5.

ORCHARD LAKE ROAD
From: 12 Mile TO 14 Mile roads
Community: Farmington Hills
Details: Concrete is being repaired through 6 a.m. Monday. Traffic will be restricted to one lane in each direction.

ROCHESTER ROAD
From: M-59 to Avon Road
Community: Rochester Hills
Details: One lane will be closed in each direction through July 1.

WALTON BOULEVARD
From: West of Sashabaw to East of Sashabaw
Community: Waterford
Details: Walton is being widened from three to five lanes. It is limited to one lane each way during construction. It is expected to be completed by July 31.

RideShare car-pooling program helps beat road tie-ups

There's a way to help beat road construction back-ups, slowdowns and standstills, say the folks at SEMCOG, the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments. Try carpooling, vanpooling, flexible work hours and telecommuting through SEMCOG's free assistance to individuals and businesses in the seven-county region, says Carol Bagazinski, manager of its alternative commute program area.

RideShare, a computer matching service, makes finding a pooling partner easy. Using geographic information based computer software, RideShare matches applicants according to home and work locations, as well as work schedules.

Commuters interested in locating a carpool or vanpool may call SEMCOG's RideShare hotline at 313-963-RIDE. A "matchlist" of potential pooling mates can be made available almost immediately by phone, fax or mail. Application can also be made via RideShare's website at <http://www.sem-cog.org/programs/services/rideshare>.

RideShare service also provides a built-in safety net for poolers by offering the Guaranteed Ride Home (GRH) Program. "Many people are reluctant to carpool or vanpool even once a week because they fear being stranded at work in case of an emergency," said Bagazinski.

"The GRH program addresses that concern by providing registered applicants with a free taxi ride home should a situation such as personal illness, family emergency or unexpected overtime occur."



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