

ROAD WATCH

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.

**I-275 AT GRAND RIVER**  
Community: Farmington Hills  
Details: The ramp from northbound I-275 to east Grand River will be closed through Nov. 16. A detour is posted.

**I-696**  
From: Franklin to Inkster  
Community: Southfield  
Details: Shoulders will be closed along westbound I-696 through Sept. 20.

**ADAMS ROAD**  
At: Square Lake Road  
Community: Troy  
Details: The center turn lane and will be widened and the road will be resurfaced through Sept. 30.

**BALDWIN ROAD**  
From: I-75 to Delevan  
Community: 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: Rattalos Lake Road to Davisburg Road  
Community: Springfield Township  
Details: A road paving project is being conducted through the end

of August.

**COMMERCE ROAD**  
From: From 1,000 feet west of South Commerce to Union Lake Road  
Community: Commerce Township  
Details: The stretch of road is being resurfaced.

**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 Road to the county line  
Community: Springfield, Groveland and Holly Townships  
Details: The road is being resurfaced.

**FLEMINGS LAKE**  
From: Clarkston Road to Waters Road  
Community: Independence Township  
Details: The gravel road will be paved by Oct. 31.

**FOURTEEN MILE**  
From: Welch to Haggerty  
Community: Commerce Township  
Details: The road will be closed through Oct. 6.

**GRAND RIVER**  
At: Farmington Road  
Community: Farmington  
Details: Grand River will be

reduced to one lane in each direction through Sept. 15.

**LAHSER ROAD**  
At: Riverview Street  
Community: Beverly Hills  
Details: The road is being widened and a center turn lane will be added by Aug. 28.

**LONG LAKE ROAD**  
From: Falmouth to Grandy, east and west of Rochester Road  
Community: Troy  
Details: The road is being reconstructed and resurfaced. From: Lahser to Woodward  
Community: Bloomfield Hills  
Details: The stretch of road is being resurfaced.

**MAPLE ROAD**  
From: Pontiac Trail to Welch Road  
Community: Commerce Township  
Details: The stretch of road is being resurfaced.

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

**NINE MILE**  
From: Northbound Northwest-

ern Highway and southbound Southfield Road.  
Community: Southfield  
Details: One lane will be closed through Oct. 1.

**OPDYKE ROAD**  
From: Square Lake Road to South Boulevard  
Community: Bloomfield Township and Pontiac  
Details: The stretch of road is being resurfaced.

**ORCHARD LAKE ROAD**  
At: Grand River  
Community: Farmington  
Details: There will be alternating lane closures. From: Long Lake Road to Commerce Road  
Community: West Bloomfield and Orchard Lake Village  
Details: The stretch of road is being resurfaced.

**PONTIAC TRAIL**  
At: Green Lake Road  
Community: West Bloomfield  
Details: The road is being widened to include a center turn lane through Aug. 24. From: Decker to Haggerty  
Community: Walled Lake and Commerce Townships  
Details: The stretch of road is being resurfaced.

**ROCHESTER ROAD**  
From: M-59 to Avon Road  
Community: Rochester Hills  
Details: One lane will be closed in each direction through Aug. 31.

## Portion of M-59 to be closed for next 18 months

M-59 will be closed between Franklin and Pine Streets in Pontiac, by the rail road tracks, beginning Monday, and running through June 2000.

The Michigan Department of Transportation is in the process of separating the tracks from the roadway.

"We've worked diligently to ensure that people know how to get around during the construction of this long awaited project," State transportation director James DeSena said. "I can assure area residents that this project is a high priority for us and we will continue to do all we can to expedite our work whenever possible."

Work to reconstruct M-59

and raise the train tracks just west of Wide Track Drive began earlier this summer, with detours designed to accommodate local and through traffic.

The project is a \$32 million investment that includes widening M-59 near Wide Track Drive, construction of six bridges and grade crossing improvements at Wesson, Orchard Lake, Pike Street and M-59.

MDOT and its contractor will raise the railroad tracks that carry CN and Amtrak services and lower M-59 about 12 feet to eliminate the rail grade crossing. The M-59 improvements will be made between Franklin Boulevard and Pine Street.

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## County drug programs to receive state grants

Oakland County and several of its communities will share in \$16.7 million in drug prevention and law enforcement grants issued this month through the governor's office.

Oakland, Wayne and Macomb counties will share in a \$4.3 million Byrne Memorial State and Local Law Enforcement Program. With grants to be issued for a one-year period beginning Oct. 1.

Among local grants:  
• Oakland County's Zero Tolerance Drug Offender Testing Program will receive \$173,690.

• The county prosecutor's office will receive \$161,509 to assist the Oakland County Narcotics Enforcement Team. The team itself will receive \$54,571 for its efforts in apprehending major drug traffickers.

• The village of Oxford will receive \$27,061 to finance a Drug Abuse Resistance Education program for 1,601 school children.

## OU receives engineering grant

Oakland University has received a \$32,500 grant from The Society of Manufacturing Engineers Education Foundation to develop curriculum, buy equipment, institute research projects and train students and staff.

Other Michigan colleges and

universities receiving grants include Grand Valley State, \$38,380, Lake Superior State, \$15,000, the University of Detroit-Mercy, \$2,500, the University of Michigan-Dearborn, \$14,695, Western Michigan University, \$23,000 and WMU-Muskegon, \$2,200.

Summer sports action stays hot, see Section D.

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