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I-696 Restore the Reuther update: Traffic shift to eastbound side of freeway between I-275 and M-10 starts Feb. 17

SOUTHFIELD, Mich. - The I-696 Restore the Reuther project is shifting both directions of traffic to the [eastbound I-696 side between I-275 and M-10](#) while crews rebuild the westbound side from M-10 to I-275. To prepare for this traffic shift, there will be lane and ramp closures to install traffic control devices, pavement markings and the realignment of barrier walls.

Beginning 7 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 17:

- Eastbound I-696 will be reduced to two lanes from I-275 to M-10 through late fall.
- Westbound I-696 will be reduced to two lanes from M-10 to I-275 for approximately one week.
- The [northbound I-275 ramp to eastbound I-696](#) will be closed from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m.

7 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 24 - 5 a.m. Monday, Feb 26:

- Eastbound and westbound I-696 will have two lanes open in each direction between I-275 and M-10 through late fall.
- Eastbound I-696 will have two lanes open from M-10 to Lahser Road through late fall.
- Westbound I-696 has two lanes shifted onto M-10 at Lahser Road/M-10/US-24 through late fall.
- The [northbound Orchard Lake Road ramp to westbound I-696](#) will be closed through late fall and detoured via westbound 12 Mile Road and southbound M-5 to westbound I-96.
- The [Franklin Road ramp to westbound I-696](#) will be closed through late fall and detoured via westbound 12 Mile Road and southbound Orchard Lake Road to westbound I-696.

This work is weather dependent, and if necessary, will be rescheduled to the following weekend/s.

This \$275 million I-696 Restore the Reuther investment includes rebuilding the roadway from the base up, including storm sewer replacement and rebuilding the ramps at Orchard Lake Road, American Drive, Franklin Road, and US-24 (Telegraph Road).

This year, westbound I-696 will be rebuilt from east of US-24 (Telegraph Road) to I-275. Eastbound lanes were rebuilt in 2023. 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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Stay focused and safe! Slow down, stay alert, and give plows room to work.

- [profile I-696-Haggerty Road to Lasher Road 3328 090723.jpg](#)

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