



Michigan Department of Transportation

2017 M-44 Road Construction Project Local Resident/Business Update

- Date: September 7, 2017
- Project Update: We are in the final stages of our \$4.95 million investment on M-44 from Wolverine Blvd east to Myers Lake Road. We have a few weeks of paving, placing shoulder gravel, grading slopes and restoring lawns left to go. The sanitary sewer upgrades were completed and in operation prior to the July 23 deadline.
- Remaining Schedule: M-44 between Blakely Drive and Myers Lake Road is on schedule to be opened to traffic by September 30, 2017. There will still be some minor work taking place off the roadway into October.
- Traffic: Two-way traffic on M-44 will be maintained at all times between Blakely Drive and Myers Lake Road for the remaining duration of the project. This will be done via the existing traffic control shift and intermittent flag control when needed. Traffic impacts between Wolverine Blvd and Blakely Drive will be kept to a minimum moving forward.
- Seeded Areas: The areas disturbed by our project will have been seeded, fertilized and mulched prior to us leaving the job. Allowing the grass to grow and fill out prior to removing mulch blankets and/or mowing will result in a fuller lawn. Also, watering is greatly encouraged.
- Tree Plantings: The schedule on plantings has changed. All trees will now be planted in the spring. A MDOT representative will be contacting those receiving trees in the spring to discuss planting locations. All trees planted in the MDOT right-of-way carry a two-year watering and cultivating warranty.
- THANK YOU!!!: On behalf of the Department, Cannon Township, and our Contractors, we would like to extend a huge thank you to all residents, business owners, and all who have been impacted by our project, both directly and indirectly. Your patience and understanding throughout the work is greatly appreciated and makes our jobs much easier to perform. We have enjoyed working in your community and have had a very enjoyable experience. Again, Thank You!

For further information on this project or other MDOT projects in Allegan, Barry, Ionia and Kent counties, contact the Grand Rapids Transportation Service Center (TSC) at:

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For up-to-date information on this project, go to the list of statewide lane closures at:

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