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Public open house to discuss M-44 improvements in Kent and Ionia Counties

WHAT:

Public open house to discuss this year's work on M-44 between Myers Lake Road and the Kent / Ionia county line in Cannon, Grattan and Otisco Townships, Kent and Ionia Counties. Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) officials will be available for questions and comments.

WHO:

MDOT staff
Residents and interested stakeholders

WHEN:

Thursday, June 11, 2015
4:30-6:30 p.m.

WHERE:

Cannon Township Hall
6878 Belding Rd NE
Rockford, MI 49341

BACKGROUND:

MDOT will resurface 9.9 miles of M-44 from west of Myers Lake Avenue to east of the Kent / Ionia County Line. Other work includes geometric upgrades at Ramsdell Drive, modifications to various intersections along the route, and drainage improvements.

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MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

MDOT Job Number 108914A

M-44 from Myers Lake Avenue to Kent/Ionia County Line
Cannon, Grattan and Otisco Townships, Kent County

Description: Hot mix asphalt cold milling and resurfacing, geometric upgrades and drainage improvements on M-44 from Myers Lake Avenue east to the Kent / Ionia County Line.

Cost: \$4.51 million

Schedule: Work is scheduled to begin on June 15th, 2015 and be completed by October 8th, 2015. The reconstruction work near Ramsdell Drive will begin on July 6th and is scheduled to be completed by August 7th.

Traffic: Two way traffic on M-44 will be maintained at all times when a detour is not in place. One lane of traffic will be maintained for eastbound traffic on M-44 during the detours. Westbound traffic will be detoured via two separate detour routes as detailed and shown on the attached maps.

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

www.michigan.gov/drive

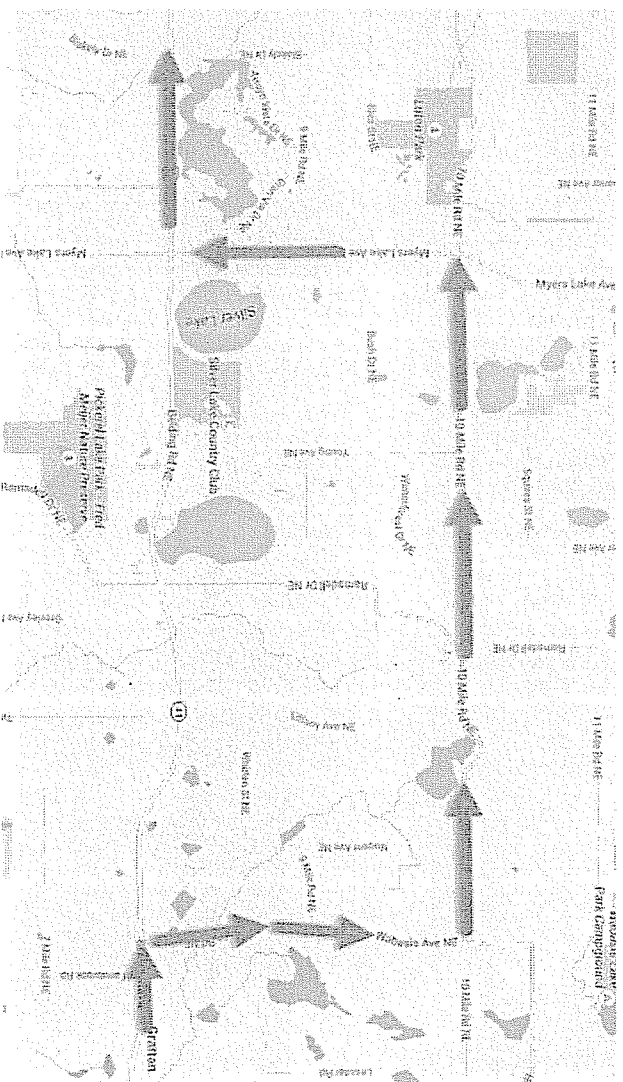
For further information on this project or other projects in Ionia, Kent, Mecosta and Montcalm counties, contact the Grand Rapids Transportation Service Center (TSC) at:

MDOT Grand Rapids TSC
2660 Leonard St. NE
Grand Rapids, MI, 49525
616-464-1800

Stage 1 Detour:

July 6th to Approximately July 20th

Westbound traffic will be detoured off of M-44 at Wabasis Avenue, continuing north on Wabasis Avenue to 10 Mile Road, then west on 10 Mile Road to Myers Lake Avenue, then south on Myers Lake Avenue back to M-44.



Stage 2 Detour:

Approximately July 20th to August 7th

Westbound traffic will be detoured off of M-44 at Ramsdell Drive, continuing north on Ramsdell Drive to 9 Mile Road, then west on 9 Mile Road to Young Road, then south on Young Road back to M-44.

