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## **Post-holiday traffic shift scheduled for M-59 widening project in Oakland and Macomb counties**

**June 30, 2010** -- The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) today announced that contracting crews will be shifting traffic on the M-59 widening project between Crooks and Ryan roads after the July 4th holiday weekend. The shift will place motorists on the newly reconstructed westbound lanes, with two lanes maintained in each direction.

The traffic shift will mark the halfway point on the paving of this 5.5-mile stretch of M-59. The project includes adding a lane in each direction, reconstructing the pavement, repairing six bridges, and the installation of a new drainage system.

The announcement was made today at an event along M-59 and Crooks Road, where Federal Highway Administrator Victor M. Mendez was in town promoting the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) legislation signed into law last year by President Obama. This \$50 million project is funded by ARRA and is expected to relieve congestion on this vital commuting corridor.

All lanes, ramps and bridges are expected to be open to traffic by mid-November.

For up-to-date information on this project, go to the list of statewide lane closures at: [www.michigan.gov/drive](http://www.michigan.gov/drive). Follow MDOT at [www.twitter.com/MichiganDOT](http://www.twitter.com/MichiganDOT) or visit the "Michigan Department of Transportation" page on Facebook.

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