



I-94 MODERNIZATION PROJECT E-UPDATE

Welcome to the I-94 e-Update!

Every month, we send you the latest happenings on the I-94 project. We'd love to hear from you, too!

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Advanced Bridges Update

With the reconstruction of the Brush Street, Concord Avenue and French Road bridges underway, it has been a very productive construction season for the I-94 project. The good news: All three are headed for the finish line and will soon reopen to traffic. This update comes from the project engineers:



Brush Street bridge

Kay Adefeso, P.E., Brush Street bridge

“What a beauty! The Brush Street bridge is almost completed. Since our last update, we have completed the north abutment, relined the storm sewer lines and poured the 9-inch deck, sidewalks, and barrier railings. Most of the eastbound service drive is repaved. Right now, we’re focused on completing the electrical work on the westbound service drive, grading the service road, paving the north bridge approach and the westbound service drive.”

“The bridge will open to traffic toward the end of November. By then, we’ll have temporary fencing in place while we wait for the ornamental fencing, which should arrive by December. There are still a few things we’ll need to return to do early next spring, such as concrete surface coating and installation of under clearance signs.”

Victor Judnic, P.E., Concord Avenue and French Road bridges

“The French Road bridge deck is essentially complete except for decorative fencing. We’re working on traffic signals, sidewalks and many other items. The Concord Avenue bridge deck barrier wall has been installed and decorative fences will be installed soon. We’re also working on the service drives north and south of the freeway. The best news is that both bridges will be open to traffic by Nov. 15 and we’ll only have some punch list items and sidewalks to complete after that date.”



Concord Avenue bridge



French Street bridge

Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement Update

I-94 Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (DSEIS) public hearings were held on Thursday, Oct. 10 at the Detroit Historical Museum and Wayne County Community College District - Eastern Campus. One hundred and twenty-five people attended the open house that featured more than thirty exhibits highlighting the contents of the DSEIS.

“We wanted to be very transparent about how we arrived at the proposed project modifications,” said Terry Stepanski, P.E, I-94 senior project manager. “The exhibits highlighted key factors, including what we studied and how we incorporated community input. “

The public hearings also offered those attending the opportunity to formally comment on the DSEIS. A court reporter was on hand to record public statements, which will be addressed and included in the Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (FSEIS).

In addition to commenting at the public hearings, MDOT hosted a formal public comment period from Saturday, Sept. 14 through Monday, Oct. 28. Comments could be sent both electronically and via U.S. Mail. The DSEIS document was (and still is) posted online at I94Detroit.org and copies of the document were available for review at eight local community locations.



Public hearing held at Detroit Historical Museum.



Public hearing held at Wayne County Community College District - Eastern Campus.

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Public hearing held at WCCCD-Eastern Campus.



DSEIS documents were housed at six community locations including Alkebu-lan Village.

Hosting public hearings and providing community access to the document are major requirements of the federally mandated DSEIS public comment process. Completing these essential steps would not have been possible without the support of community partners. The I-94 project team thanks the following partners for their ongoing support and assistance.

For hosting the DSEIS public hearings:

- The Detroit Historical Museum
- Wayne County Community College District - Eastern Campus

For serving as DSEIS community document repositories:

- Alkebu-lan Village
- Chandler Park Detroit Public Library
- Divie B. Duffield Detroit Public Library
- Douglass Detroit Public Library
- The Matrix Center
- Wayne County Community College District - Eastern Campus

For serving as DSEIS community virtual repositories:

- Detroit Public Library - Main Branch
- Franklin Detroit Public Library
- Monteith Detroit Public Library



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Curious to know more?



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