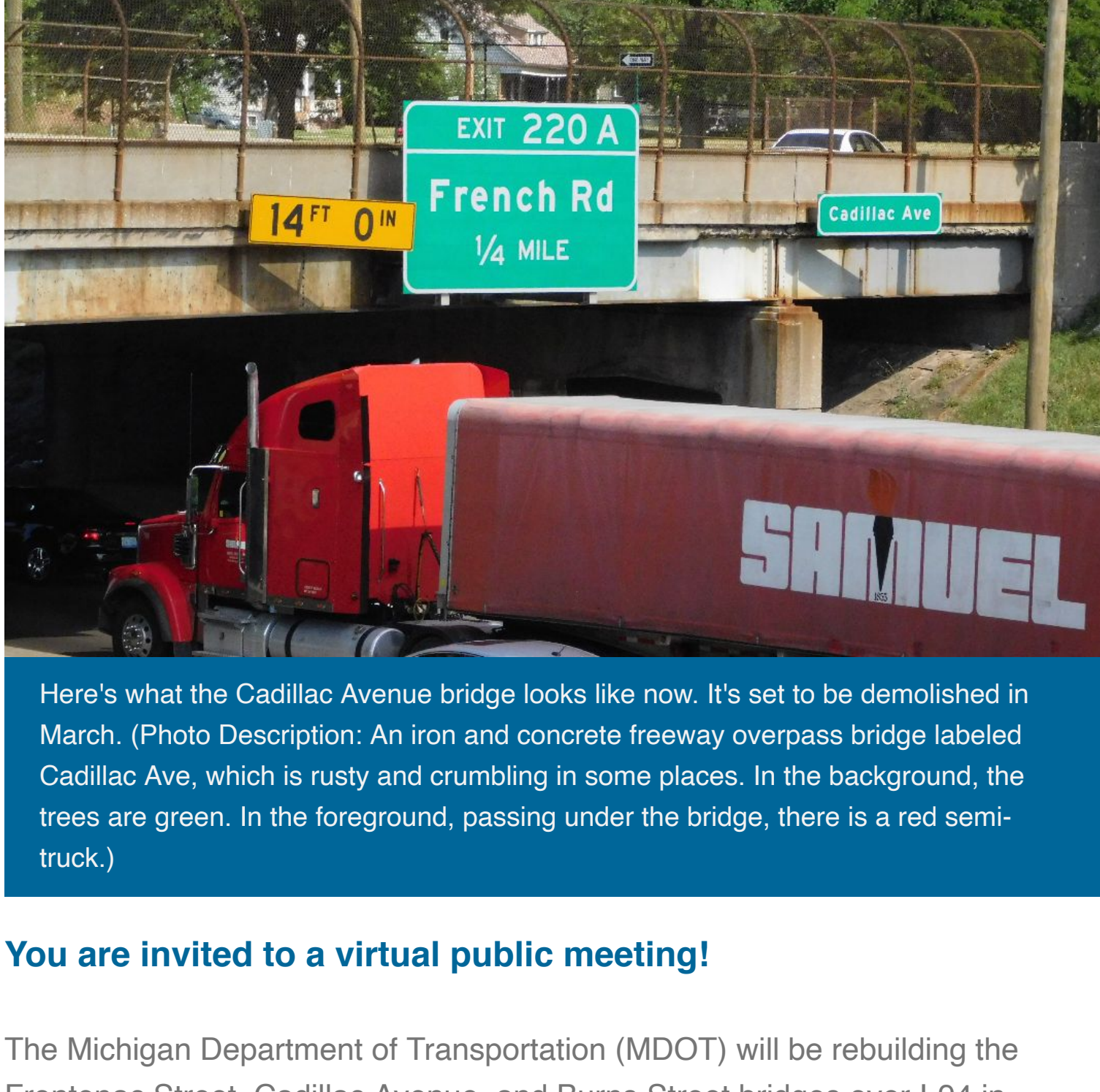


I-94 Modernization Project E-Update

January/February 2021

Welcome to the I-94 e-Update! Here are the latest happenings on the project. We'd love to hear from you, too!



Here's what the Cadillac Avenue bridge looks like now. It's set to be demolished in March. (Photo Description: An iron and concrete freeway overpass bridge labeled Cadillac Ave, which is rusty and crumbling in some places. In the background, the trees are green. In the foreground, passing under the bridge, there is a red semi-truck.)

You are invited to a virtual public meeting!

The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) will be rebuilding the Frontenac Street, Cadillac Avenue, and Burns Street bridges over I-94 in Detroit. The bridges will close on Feb. 8. The first demolition is scheduled for the Frontenac Street bridge the weekend of February 19-22. The second demolition, on the Burns Street bridge, is scheduled for the weekend of February 26-March 1. The Cadillac Avenue bridge is likely to be demolished the second weekend in March. Work is expected to conclude late fall.

Please join the MDOT project team at one of these virtual public meetings to hear about the work schedule, detours, and other details. For everyone's safety, please join the I-94 team online or by phone!

Wednesday, Feb. 17
10 – 11 a.m.

Zoom and Phone Info:
zoom.us/j/91294820809

or 888-788-0099 (toll-free)

Thursday, Feb. 18
6 - 7 p.m.

Zoom and Phone Info:
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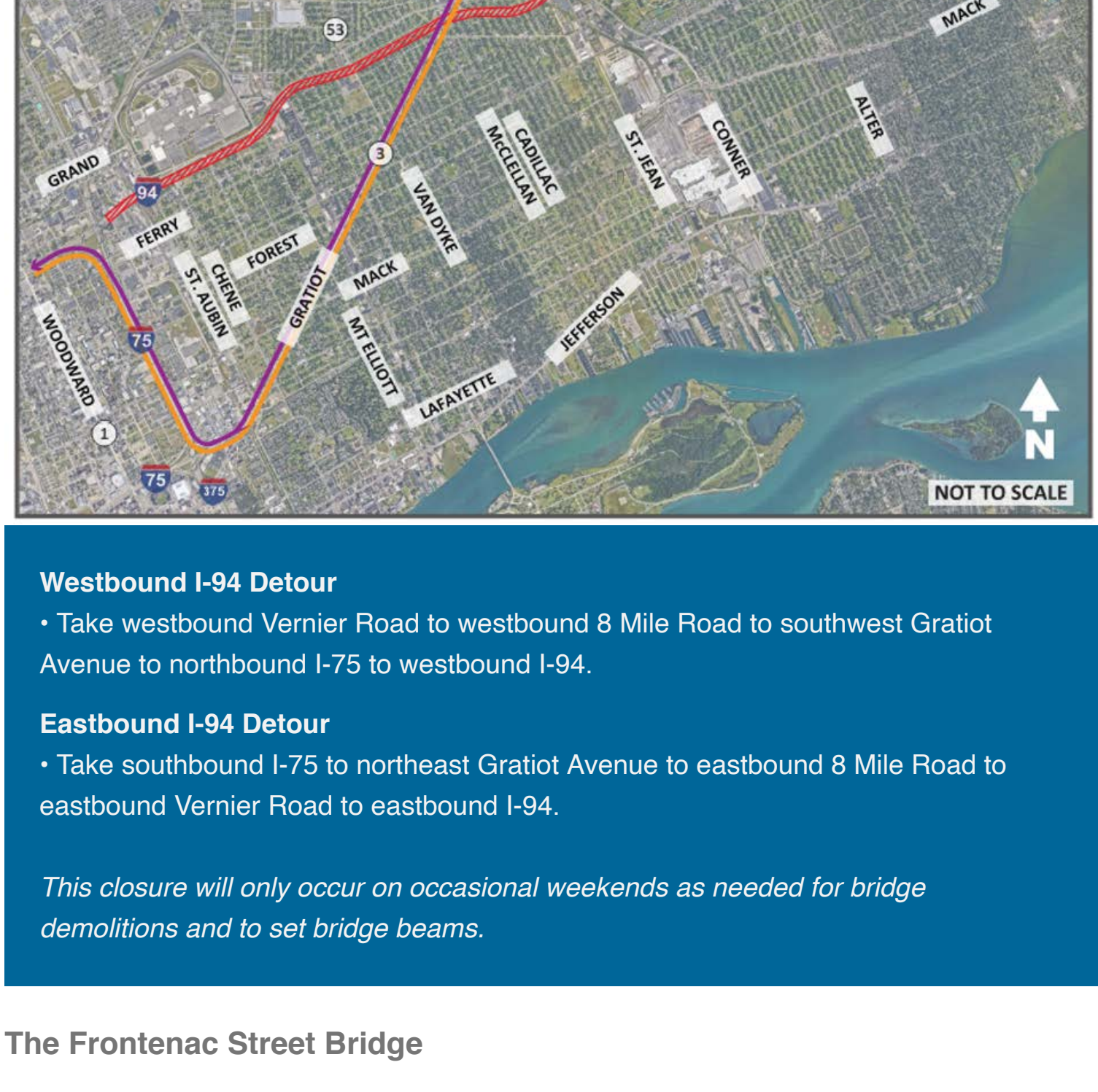
If you are unable to participate in the meeting or need more information, contact Terry Stepanski, P.E., I-94 senior project manager, by e-mail at StepanskiT@Michigan.gov or by phone at 517-241-0233.

Special Accommodations: Accommodations can be made for persons with disabilities and limited English-speaking ability. Large print materials, auxiliary aids or the services of interpreters, signers, or readers are available upon request. To make a request, contact Orlando Curry by phone at 517-241-7462 or by e-mail at CurryO@Michigan.gov at least seven days before the meeting.

Bridge Work Detours

These are the detours that will be in place while we rebuild these bridges.

I-94 Freeway Occasional Weekend Closure



Westbound I-94 Detour

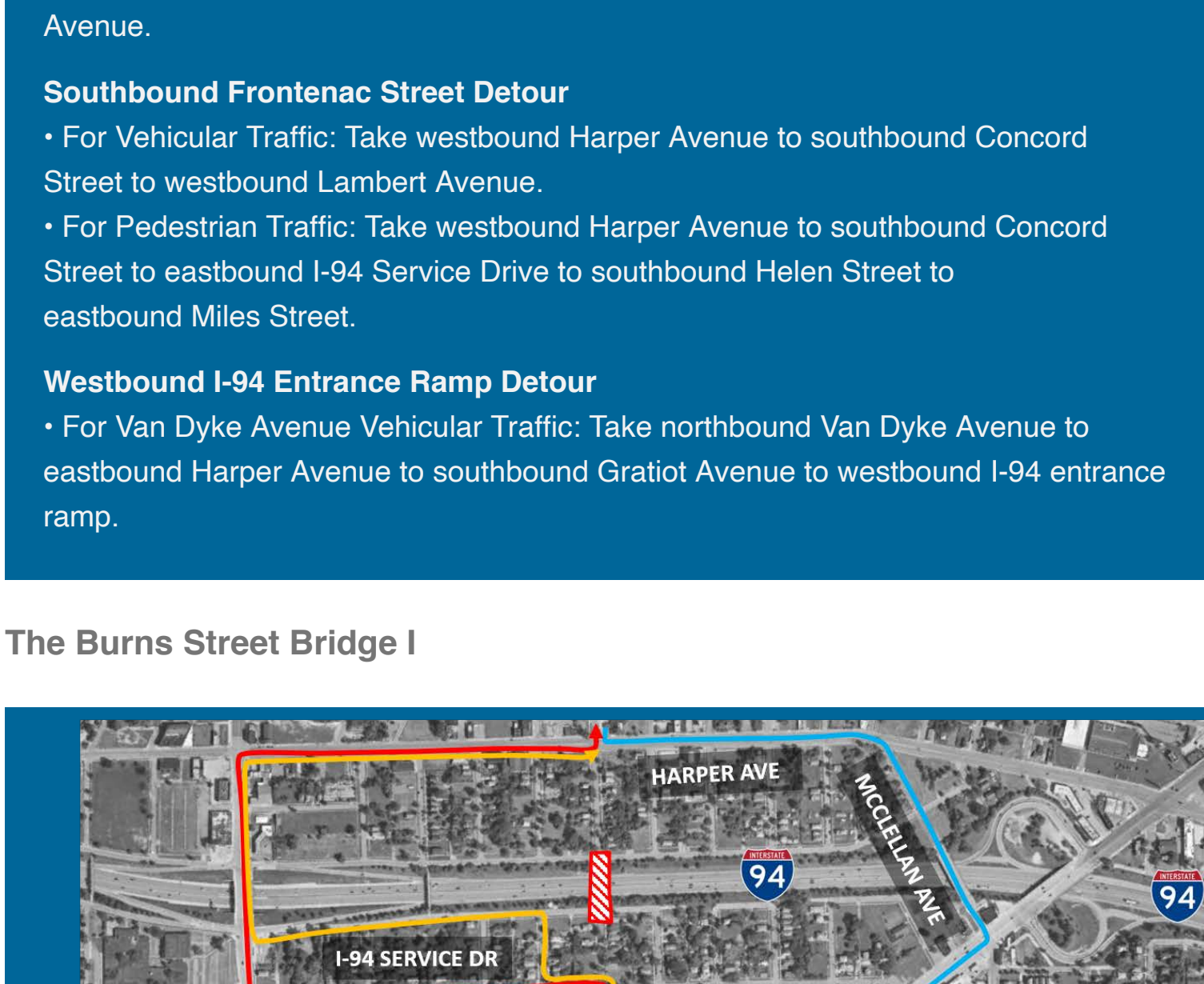
- Take westbound Vernier Road to westbound 8 Mile Road to southwest Gratiot Avenue to northbound I-75 to westbound I-94.

Eastbound I-94 Detour

- Take southbound I-75 to northeast Gratiot Avenue to eastbound 8 Mile Road to eastbound Vernier Road to eastbound I-94.

This closure will only occur on occasional weekends as needed for bridge demolitions and to set bridge beams.

The Frontenac Street Bridge



Northbound Frontenac Street Detour

- For Vehicular Traffic: Take westbound Lambert Avenue to northbound Concord Street to eastbound Harper Avenue.
- For Pedestrian Traffic: Take westbound Miles Street to northbound Helen Street to westbound I-94 Service Drive to northbound Concord Street to eastbound Harper Avenue.

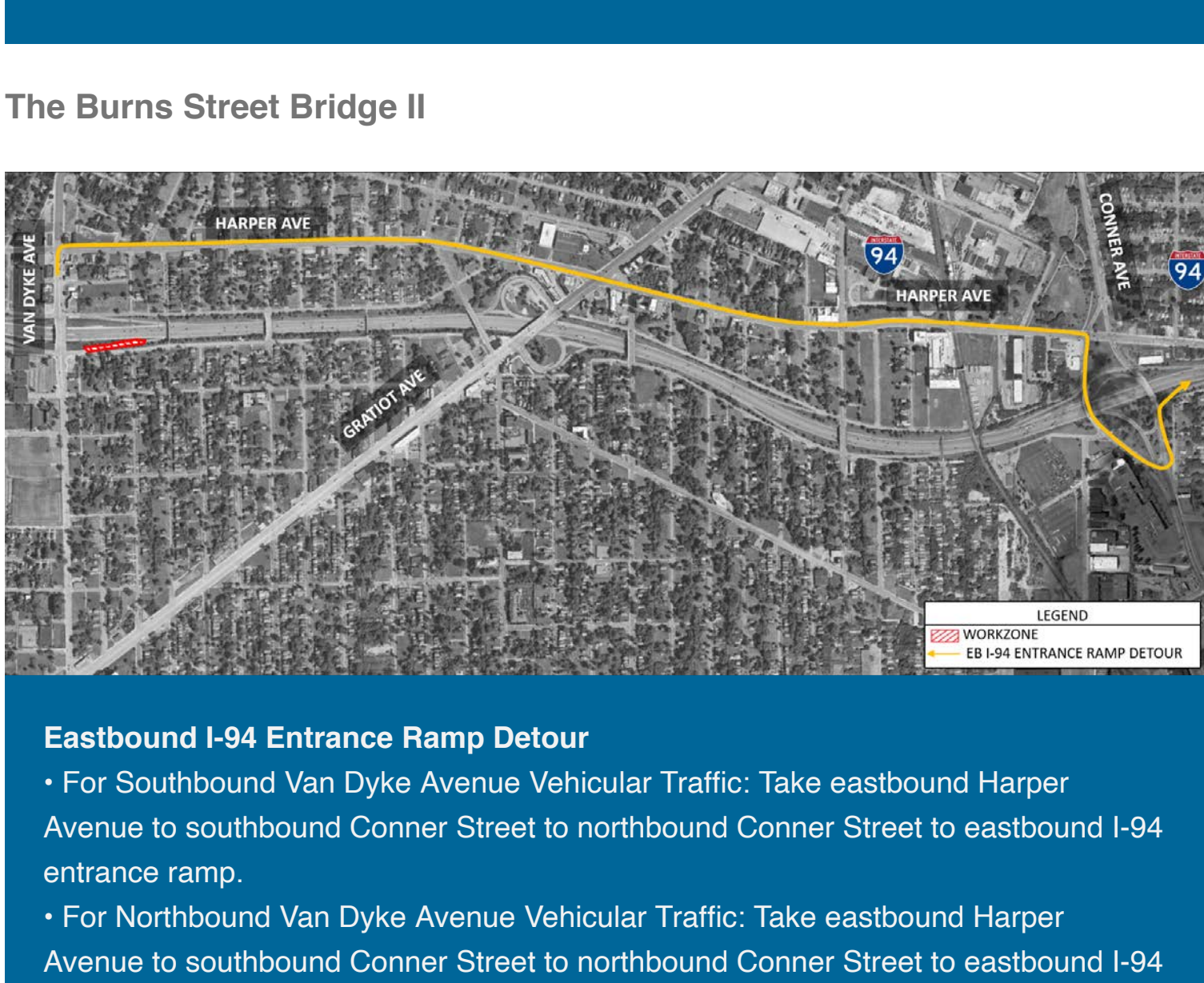
Southbound Frontenac Street Detour

- For Vehicular Traffic: Take westbound Harper Avenue to southbound Concord Street to westbound Lambert Avenue.
- For Pedestrian Traffic: Take westbound Harper Avenue to southbound Concord Street to eastbound I-94 Service Drive to southbound Helen Street to eastbound Miles Street.

Westbound I-94 Entrance Ramp Detour

- For Van Dyke Avenue Vehicular Traffic: Take northbound Van Dyke Avenue to eastbound Harper Avenue to southbound Gratiot Avenue to westbound I-94 entrance ramp.

The Burns Street Bridge I



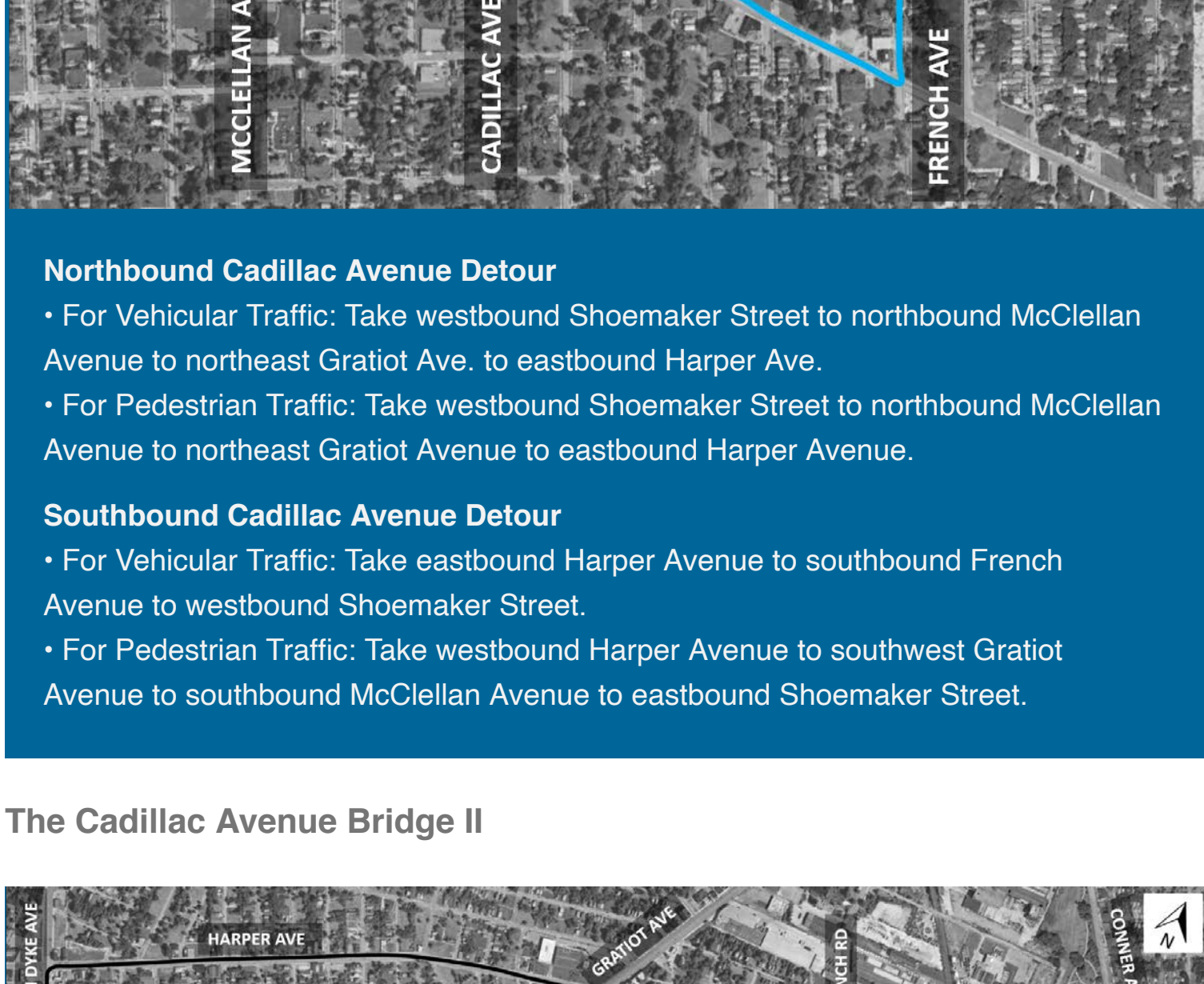
Northbound Burns Street Detour

- For Vehicular Traffic: Take westbound Lambert Avenue to northbound Van Dyke Avenue to eastbound Harper Avenue.
- For Pedestrian Traffic: Take westbound Lambert Avenue to northbound Seneca Street to westbound I-94 Service Dr. to northbound Van Dyke Avenue to eastbound Harper Avenue.

Southbound Burns Street Detour

- For Vehicular Traffic: Take eastbound Harper Avenue to southbound McClellan Avenue to southwest Gratiot Avenue.
- For Pedestrian Traffic: Take westbound Harper Avenue to southbound Van Dyke Avenue to eastbound I-94 Service Drive to southbound Seneca Street to eastbound Lambert Avenue.

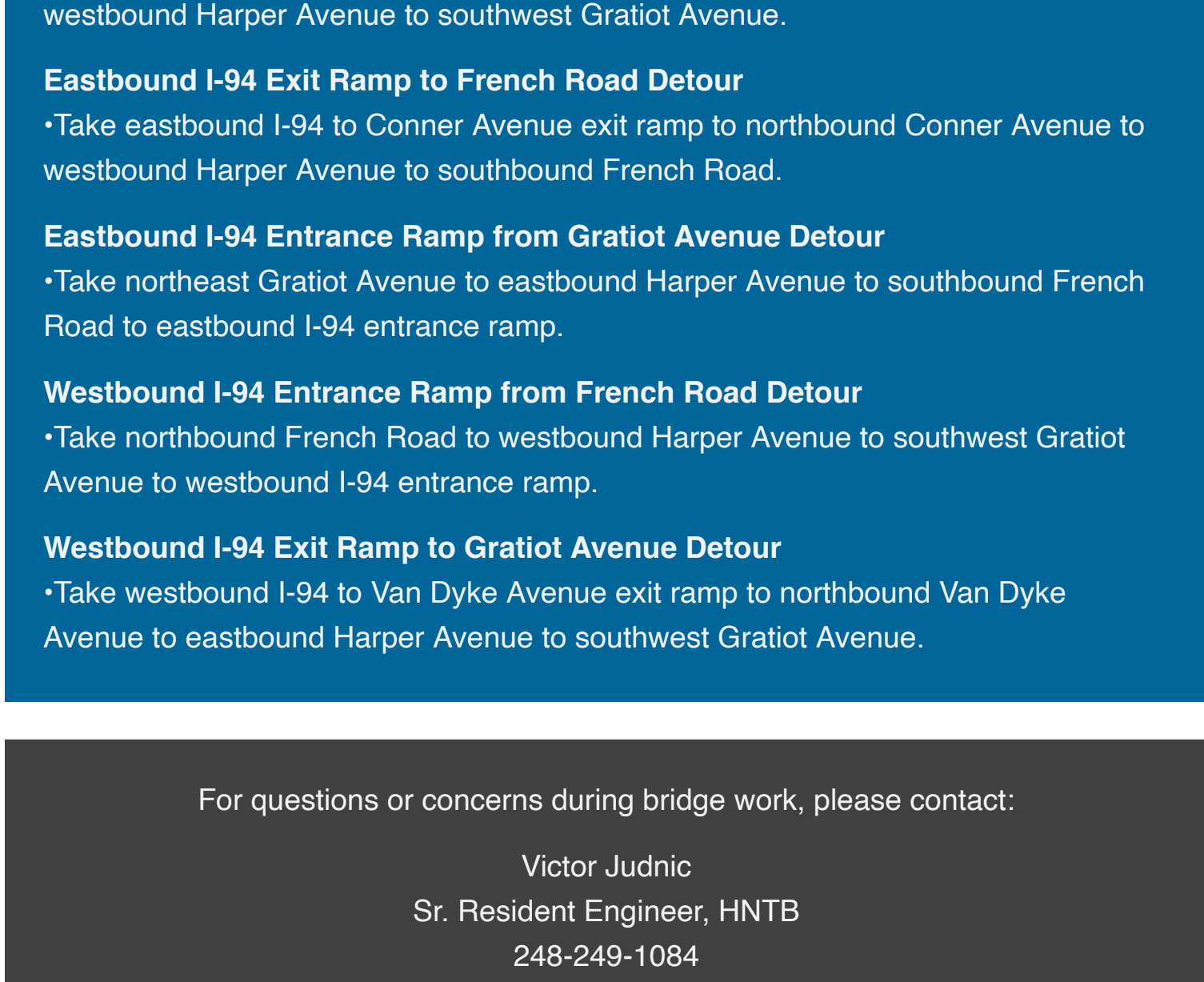
The Burns Street Bridge II



Eastbound I-94 Entrance Ramp Detour

- For Southbound Van Dyke Avenue Vehicular Traffic: Take eastbound Harper Avenue to southbound Conner Street to northbound Conner Street to eastbound I-94 entrance ramp.
- For Northbound Van Dyke Avenue Vehicular Traffic: Take eastbound Harper Avenue to southbound Conner Street to northbound Conner Street to eastbound I-94 entrance ramp.

The Cadillac Avenue Bridge I



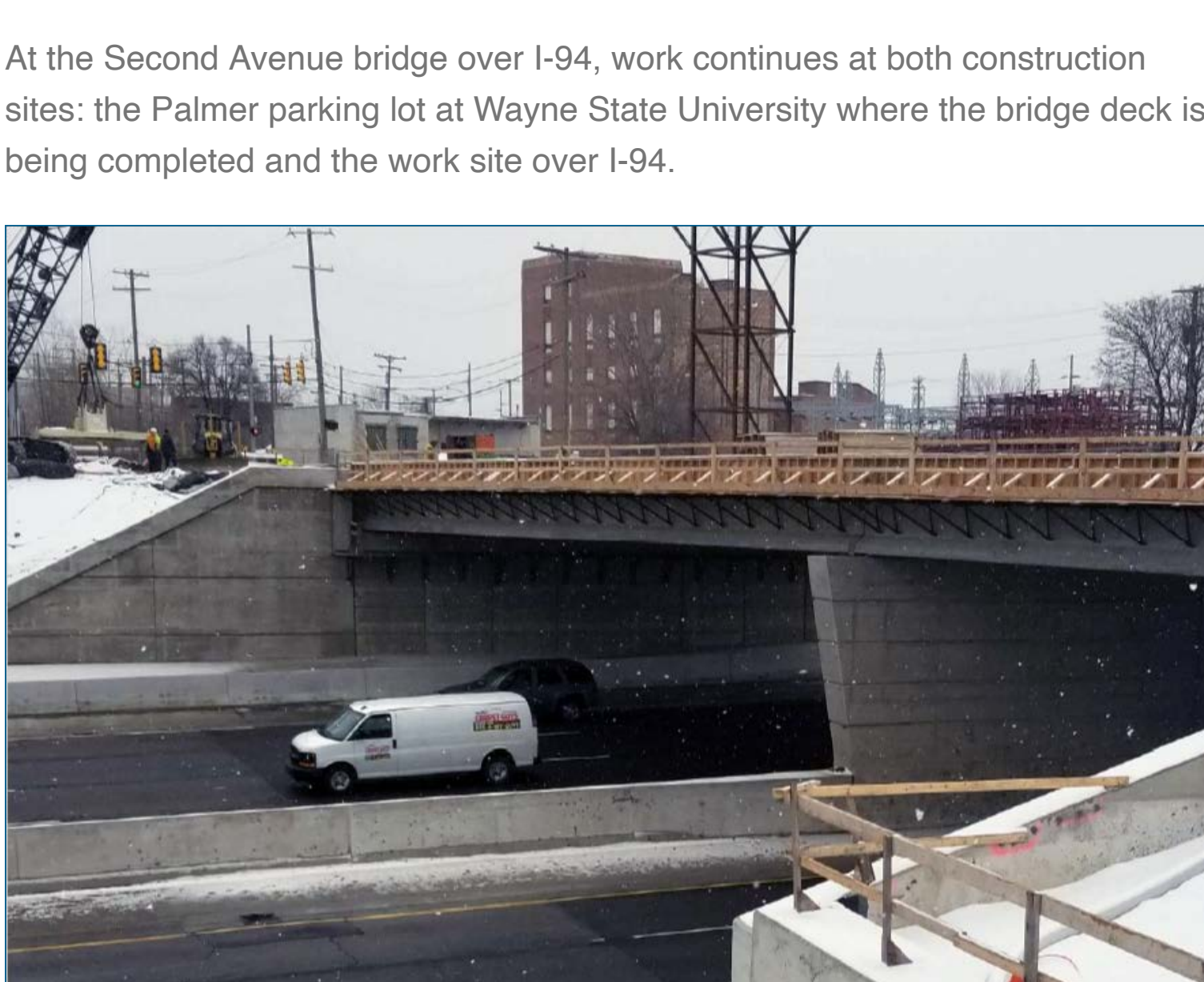
Northbound Cadillac Avenue Detour

- For Vehicular Traffic: Take westbound Shoemaker Street to northbound McClellan Avenue to northeast Gratiot Ave. to eastbound Harper Ave.
- For Pedestrian Traffic: Take westbound Shoemaker Street to northbound McClellan Avenue to northeast Gratiot Avenue to eastbound Harper Avenue.

Southbound Cadillac Avenue Detour

- For Vehicular Traffic: Take eastbound Harper Avenue to southbound French Avenue to westbound Shoemaker Street.
- For Pedestrian Traffic: Take westbound Harper Avenue to southwest Gratiot Avenue to southbound McClellan Avenue to eastbound Shoemaker Street.

The Cadillac Avenue Bridge II



Eastbound I-94 Exit Ramp to Gratiot Avenue Detour

- Take eastbound I-94 to Conner Avenue exit ramp to northbound Conner Avenue to westbound Harper Avenue to southwest Gratiot Avenue.

Eastbound I-94 Exit Ramp to French Road Detour

- Take eastbound I-94 to Conner Avenue exit ramp to northbound Conner Avenue to westbound Harper Avenue to southbound French Road.

Eastbound I-94 Entrance Ramp from Gratiot Avenue Detour

- Take northeast Gratiot Avenue to eastbound Harper Avenue to southbound French Road to eastbound I-94 entrance ramp.

Westbound I-94 Entrance Ramp from French Road Detour

- Take northbound French Road to westbound Harper Avenue to southwest Gratiot Avenue to westbound I-94 entrance ramp.

Westbound I-94 Exit Ramp to Gratiot Avenue Detour

- Take westbound I-94 to Van Dyke Avenue exit ramp to northbound Van Dyke Avenue to eastbound Harper Avenue to southwest Gratiot Avenue.

For questions or concerns during bridge work, please contact:

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Advanced Bridges: Here's What Else Is Happening

There are four bridges currently under construction. Here's a brief status report:

At the Milwaukee Avenue bridge over I-75, the bridge deck is complete and crews are constructing the bridge deck sidewalks and the approach pavement to the bridge.

At the Mt. Elliott Street bridge over I-94, they are preparing for pouring concrete for the bridge deck in about two weeks. Underground utility and roadwork are continuing north and south of the bridge.

At the East Grand Boulevard bridge over I-94, the bridge deck is complete and planter box building is ongoing. Underground utility work is complete and crews are paving the roadway south of the bridge,

At the Second Avenue bridge over I-94, work continues at both construction sites: the Palmer parking lot at Wayne State University where the bridge deck is being completed and the work site over I-94.



The Milwaukee Avenue bridge work over I-75. (Photo Description: A freeway bridge with metal and wood supports along the visible edge. The sky is overcast and snow is falling.)

Making Connections: I-94 Virtual Outreach Event and Matchmaking Sessions

In December 2020, MDOT hosted its first virtual I-94 industry outreach event and small business matchmaking sessions. The event was held using the Zoom platform to ensure the safety of all participants.

A 90-minute presentation on upcoming design and construction opportunities on the I-94 modernization project was followed by a series of 10-minute matchmaking sessions between MDOT service prequalified consultants and small businesses interested in participating in MDOT's Mentor-Protégé program. There were 79 attendees at the main event and 48 participants during the matchmaking sessions.

"We used the available technology to make the matchmaking sessions as much like an in-person networking event as possible," said Audrey Andrews, director of small business partnerships. "Our priority was to create an environment where large and small firms get to know one another and explore opportunities to partner on upcoming I-94 contracting bids."

Moving forward, the I-94 Small Business Program will utilize MDOT's Mentor-Protégé program that pairs small business enterprises (SBEs) and disadvantaged business enterprises (DBEs) newer to MDOT to work under the direction of larger service prequalified prime consultants currently working with MDOT. The program allows SBE and DBE firms to build relationships and learn crucial new skills for working with the department. This is in addition to continuing to provide ongoing prime contracting opportunities (less than \$250,000 each) for small businesses for both design and construction engineering and inspection support services.

"The goal of the I-94 Small Business Program is to increase the number of SBE and DBE firms qualified to work on MDOT projects," said Terry Stepanski, MDOT I-94 senior project manager. "The I-94 project continues to offer opportunities and resources for these businesses to increase their technical capacity together under the guidance of larger, more experienced firms."

In addition, the CEOs of the protégé and SBE firms enhance their business knowledge and focus on the key elements of consulting engineering, including project delivery, strategic planning, sales/marketing, business/operations, service prequalification, and financial management.

Tarolyn Buckles, CEO of Onyx Enterprise, a DBE and SBE since 2012 and a protégé firm since 2019, called the program vital for her firm's growth. "The experience and training are excellent. The outreach forums are good for networking and connecting with mentors and contractors for teaming opportunities. I highly recommend attending especially now as we are in a virtual networking environment."

For more information about upcoming I-94 Small Business Program contracting opportunities, go to <https://I94Detroit.org/Work-With-Us/Contractor-Opportunities/>