

I-94 Modernization Project E-Update

McClellan Avenue Bridge Open House



Nearly 30 community members attended the open house meeting for the McClellan Avenue bridge.

On Tuesday, Aug. 27, the I-94 project team hosted an open house public meeting to discuss the demolition of the McClellan Avenue bridge. The meeting was held at Alkebu-Lan Village on the city's eastside near the project's eastern limit.

The McClellan Avenue bridge was closed in early 2024 prior to mainline construction due to its unsafe condition. It will not be replaced since the current bridge location conflicts with the new design of the I-94/Gratiot Avenue interchange ramps.



The current loop ramps will be removed and replaced with a safer, standard diamond configuration that will use the existing intersections to allow left and right turns at the new ramps. As part of the bridge removal, the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) is also making improvements to the McClellan Avenue and Gratiot Avenue intersection traffic signals to account for changes in traffic patterns. Bridge demolition is expected to start late this fall.

Due to the closure of the McClellan Avenue bridge in early 2024, the detour routes planned for the bridge removal are already in place. Vehicular detours utilize the newly rebuilt Burns

Avenue bridge for northbound and southbound Gratiot Avenue traffic. Southbound traffic uses Harper Avenue to connect to Burns Avenue, while northbound traffic uses Lambert Street due to no left turns being allowed at the Gratiot Avenue/Harper Avenue intersection. Pedestrians are routed to Gratiot Avenue and Harper Avenue to make northbound/southbound connections.

We appreciate the partnership of Mr. Marvis Cofield and his team at Alkebu-Lan Village once again.

McClellan Avenue Bridge Closure - Pedestrian Detours

LEGEND

- WORKZONE/BRIDGE REMOVAL
- PEDESTRIAN DETOUR


Northbound McClellan Detour:

- **Pedestrian Traffic:** Northbound Gratiot Avenue and westbound Harper Avenue to McClellan Avenue



Southbound McClellan Detour:

- **Pedestrian Traffic:** Eastbound Harper Avenue and southbound Gratiot Avenue to McClellan Avenue

Additional Travel Distance:
About 0.2 additional miles to cross at Gratiot Avenue and get back to McClellan Avenue



McClellan Avenue Bridge Closure - Vehicular Detours

LEGEND

- WORKZONE/BRIDGE REMOVAL
- NB/SB VEHICULAR DETOUR


Northbound McClellan Detour:

- **Vehicular Traffic:** Southbound Gratiot Avenue, westbound Lambert Street, northbound Burns Avenue, and eastbound Harper Avenue to McClellan Avenue

Southbound McClellan Detour:

- **Vehicular Traffic:** Westbound Harper Avenue, southbound Burns Avenue, eastbound Lambert Street, and northbound Gratiot Avenue to McClellan Avenue

Additional Travel Distance:
About 0.7 additional miles to cross at Burns Avenue and get back to McClellan Avenue



Spotlight: Adam Wayne, MDOT Senior Project Manager



Adam Wayne is the new MDOT senior project manager for the I-94 modernization project.

The I-94 project team is happy to announce that Adam Wayne has taken the reigns as MDOT's senior project manager for the I-94 modernization project. Wayne brings more than 12 years of experience in developing, delivering, operating and maintaining transportation projects at the local and state government levels.

Prior to joining MDOT, Wayne worked with planning commissions, retirement communities, private developers and other non-governmental organizations to preserve and develop infrastructure projects.

His MDOT portfolio includes managing the department's first public-private partnership (P3) contract, an extensive bridge inspection safety record and delivering large infrastructure improvement projects.

Wayne's diverse government experience brings a "people first" approach to managing Michigan's infrastructure. He's enthusiastic about the opportunity to work with neighborhood leaders and residents along the I-94 corridor in Detroit.

Longtime I-94 project manager Terry Stepanski has retired from MDOT and we thank him for his years of dedication to the project.

Bridge Update



The construction of the Cass Avenue bridge's art plaza is ongoing. Stay tuned for more details in our next newsletter!

The Cass Avenue bridge was opened to traffic on Aug. 1. Traffic is currently shifted to the northbound side of the bridge to accommodate the construction of the art plaza (designed by artist Cliff Garten), which will continue into the fall. Aside from the art plaza, the remaining work includes minor concrete surface coating, beam coating repairs, sidewalk restoration and permanent pavement markings.