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East Grand Boulevard overpass demolition requires closing I-94 on consecutive weekends in Detroit

Fast facts:

- MDOT is replacing the East Grand Boulevard overpass above I-94.
- Work to demolish the overpass will require closing I-94 between I-75 and M-3 Gratiot Avenue on consecutive weekends starting Friday night.

February 11, 2020 -- Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) contract crews will be demolishing the East Grand Boulevard overpass on consecutive weekends in February. The initial closure will start at 9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 14. The demolition will require closing eastbound and westbound I-94 between I-75 and M-3 (Gratiot Avenue) for the weekend. All lanes of I-94 are expected to reopen by 5 a.m. Monday, Feb 17.

During this closure, westbound I-94 traffic will be detoured via southbound M-3 (Gratiot Avenue), the westbound Gratiot Connector, and northbound I-75 back to westbound I-94. All entrance ramps to westbound I-94 will be closed beginning at 7 p.m. from Chalmers to Chene streets and will reopen by 5 a.m. Monday.

Eastbound I-94 traffic will be detoured via southbound I-75, the eastbound Gratiot Connector, and northbound M-3 back to eastbound I-94. All entrance ramps to eastbound I-94 will be closed starting at 7 p.m. from Grand River Avenue to Mt. Elliot Street and will reopen by 5 a.m. Monday.

Due to the size and complexity of removing the overpass, eastbound and westbound I-94 are scheduled to be closed the following weekend, Feb. 21-24, to complete the demolition process. All times, ramp restrictions and detours will remain the same.

All work on this \$16 million project is scheduled to be completed in late fall. The new East Grand Boulevard bridge will replace the current structure built in 1956. Vehicular traffic will be detoured to the Chene Street overpass during this replacement project.

This bridge replacement is part of the I-94 modernization project in Detroit that involves rebuilding 7 miles of freeway and replacing 67 bridges between Conner Road and I-96. Follow the I-94 modernization project on the web at <https://I94Detroit.org> or follow on Facebook at www.facebook.com/I94Detroit or on Twitter at www.twitter.com/I94Detroit.

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