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## **Post-Labor Day resurfacing of M-59 begins Sept. 8 in Pontiac and Auburn Hills**

**September 2, 2009** -- Pavement and bridge repairs will begin Tuesday, Sept. 8, on a 2-mile section of M-59 between M-1 (Woodward Avenue) and Opdyke Road according to the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT). Included in this \$10.5 million investment are bridge repairs, utility upgrades and intersection improvements.

During the remainder of 2009, crews will be focusing on the westbound side of M-59. Westbound traffic will be reduced to a single lane around-the-clock until mid-December for resurfacing, bridge repair and intersection improvements. At one point this fall, there will be a two-week period when westbound M-59 will be closed entirely from Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard to University Drive for intersection improvements at Paddock Street. During this closure, all traffic will be routed to northbound Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard to westbound University Drive to reconnect with westbound M-59. This closure will be announced to the public in advance.

All lanes and ramps on the project will be open during winter shutdown. Eastbound M-59 improvements will begin in April 2010. Details of the project are available on the MDOT Web site under the "Projects & Programs" link.

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 and become a fan.

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