



M-21 Bridge Replacement Update

Traffic access across the river will be maintained at all times!

After several months of dialogue between the Michigan DOT, Ada Township, the Ada Township Downtown Development Authority (DDA) and the Ada business community, a plan and schedule are now in place to replace the M-21 bridge in a manner that maintains traffic access across the river at all times. The Michigan DOT has made a commitment that **THE M-21 BRIDGE WILL NOT BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC AT ANY TIME DURING THE BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT.**

Temporary bridge span to be constructed.

In order to maintain traffic access across the river during the bridge replacement project, a temporary, 2-lane bridge (one lane in each direction) will be built across the river, immediately adjacent to and south of the existing bridge. Following completion of the new bridge, the temporary bridge will be removed.

Lane closures to begin in September, 2010 and last until November, 2011

Michigan DOT anticipates the following construction sequence and schedule for the project:

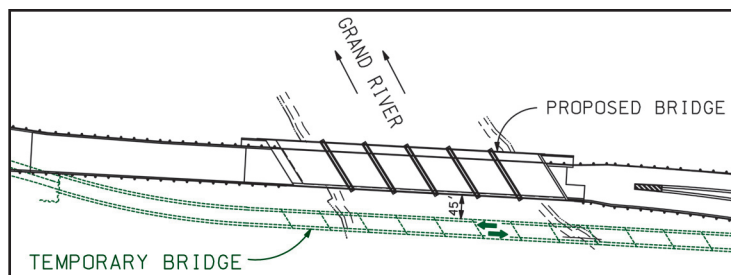
- September, 2010: Lane closures will begin on the highway in the vicinity of the bridge, while preparations are made for construction of the temporary bridge.
- April, 2011: The temporary, 2-lane bridge will be completed, and traffic will be diverted onto the temporary bridge. Posted traffic speeds will be reduced to 35 mph or less.
- April, 2011: Removal of the existing bridge will begin. Following removal of the current bridge, construction of the replacement bridge will occur.
- October, 2011: Construction of the permanent bridge will be nearly complete, and traffic will be shifted to the new bridge, with one lane in each direction. Work will begin on removal of the temporary bridge.
- November, 2011: Following removal of the temporary bridge, the new bridge will be placed in full operation, with 2 traffic lanes in each direction open.
- May, 2012: Final cleanup and restoration of the area will be completed, and the pedestrian/bicycle lane on the bridge will be open.

There will be some traffic congestion and delays during peak traffic times (morning and afternoon commuting hours) at the bridge. Outside of these brief periods, it is expected that there will be no delays or traffic congestion for those who use the bridge.

What you can do to minimize traffic congestion, delay and inconvenience crossing the river.

- ¥ Adjust travel times slightly so that trips across the bridge are either before or after peak traffic times. Consider leaving earlier for work, or delay the trip home after work by 15 or 20 minutes to avoid peak travel time on the bridge, and allow traffic to clear.
- ¥ If you find that traffic is delayed at the bridge on your morning or evening commute, consider stopping and patronizing local businesses while you wait for traffic to clear.

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The Ada Business Association wishes to thank Ada Township, the DDA and MDOT for working together to better our community!