

Oakland Co. roundabout to open, another in the works

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One new Oakland County roundabout is set to open later this week while construction on another begins.

The Road Commission for Oakland County said it expects to start rebuilding the intersection of Farmington and Maple Roads in West Bloomfield on Sept. 4 as a roundabout. That will mean the shutdown of Farmington Road through November, with traffic detoured along 14 Mile, Drake and Walnut Lake roads.

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Meanwhile, the road commission said it plans to open a newly completed roundabout at Drake and Maple roads by Saturday, if the weather cooperates. Drake has been closed at Maple since May, when construction on that roundabout began.

The roundabouts are part of the Northwestern Connector Project, which aims to ease traffic congestion from where Northwestern Highway ends at Orchard Lake Road west to M-5.

For more on the project – including how to properly drive through roundabouts – go to www.nwconnector.com.

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