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Work on Maple-Drake roundabout will begin



Starting May 7, the Road Commission of Oakland County will begin building a roundabout at the intersection of Maple and Drake roads in West Bloomfield Township.

The intersection will remain closed for the duration of the \$1.8 million project, which is expected to be completed in early August.

The detour for Drake traffic will be 14 Mile to Farmington Road to Walnut Lake Road and vice versa.

In the same area, the Road Commission has a project under way that will widen Maple in front of Henry Ford Hospital/West Bloomfield just west of Drake, where a turn lane is being extended.

The roundabout is part of the larger Northwestern connector project, which is intended to improve congestion in the area where Northwestern Highway ends at Orchard Lake Road.

The connector project includes building eight roundabouts, rebuilding Orchard Lake Road into a six-lane boulevard between 14 Mile and Maple roads and widening Maple and 14 Mile between Orchard Lake Road and M-5.

For more information about the Northwestern connector project, visit the project Web site at <http://www.nwconnector.com/> or call the RCOOC Department of Citizen Services at (877) 858-4804.

Work will run from 8 p.m. to 5 a.m. daily through lane reductions.

This project will last until Memorial Day.

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