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Walton Boulevard repaving under way

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With the beginning of fall semester just around the corner, Oakland University students, faculty and staff should prepare for traffic delays as Walton Boulevard is undergoing an extensive repaving project.

Traffic on Walton, which is at the north boundary of OU's campus, has been reduced to one lane in each direction from Squirrel Road to Adams Road for repaving. There are no detours around the construction area. The **Oakland County Road Commission** expects the work to be finished by Oct. 30.

"Both the eastbound and westbound lanes are being repaved, and the curve on the westbound side will be realigned," said Rusty Postlewait, associate vice president for facilities management. "During the construction period, one lane will remain open in each direction. Our plan is to keep West Oakland Drive, East Oakland Drive and Festival Drive open during construction, though there may be short periods when crews are working in the immediate vicinity and we will need to temporarily close an entrance. Should this be the case, we will take steps to inform the university community."

The Oakland University Police Department is working with the cities of Auburn Hills and Rochester Hills to facilitate traffic flow in and around the university during the construction period.

The university suggests that students, faculty, staff and other campus visitors consider leaving earlier for campus, at least during the first few weeks of the semester, until they get a feel for peak traffic volume times. Exiting the campus at peak traffic times also may be slow. During this time, everyone's patience is appreciated.

For updates on the construction project, visit the **Oakland County Road Commission** Web site. Updates also will be posted on **The News @ OU** Web site.

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