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University Drive closure affects OU traffic

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Traffic to the Oakland University campus will be affected through the summer by the closure of the bridge that carries University Drive over I-75. The ramps that carry eastbound University Drive to northbound I-75 and westbound University Drive to southbound I-75 also are closed.

The bridge closed during the week of May 19 due to safety concerns expressed by **Michigan Department of Transportation** (MDOT) engineers. The bridge is expected to remain closed until a safety repair project is completed by Aug. 28.

Traffic on northbound I-75 is detoured onto eastbound M-59 to northbound Squirrel Road. Traffic on southbound I-75 is detoured onto southbound Opdyke Road, to eastbound M-59, to northbound Squirrel Road. Drivers can turn right on Squirrel Road to proceed to west entrances of the OU campus.

As an alternative, drivers using southbound I-75 can still take the University Drive exit but are forced to turn right on University Drive. Once they come to Opdyke Road, they should turn right until they come to Walton Boulevard, then turn right on Walton Boulevard and proceed to the north entrances of OU's campus, just east of Squirrel Road. Drivers using northbound I-75 may still turn right on University Drive and proceed to the main campus entrance at University Drive and Squirrel Road.

To assist crews in repairing the bridge, temporary supports are being installed under University Drive. The placement of these supports will force a lane closure on both directions of I-75. Drivers should allow extra time to reach OU's campus when using I-75, as these lane restrictions may be in place throughout the summer.

For updates on road construction issues, visit the **MDOT** and **News @ OU** Web sites.

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