

# MDOT open house for US-31 completion project on May 23

The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) is having an open house to share plans for the US-31 connection to I-94, reconstruction of the I-94 interchange with US-31 and I-94 Business Loop (BL) (East Main Street), and widening I-94 in Benton Township, Berrien County.

**Thursday, May 23, 2019**

**5pm-7pm**

**WHERE:**

Benton Township Hall  
1725 Territorial Road  
Benton Harbor, MI 49022

**BACKGROUND:**

Starting in 2020, MDOT will undertake a three-year, \$111 million project to complete the connection of US-31 from Napier Avenue to I-94, a project that has been in development for more than 40 years.

Starting in 2020, MDOT will make improvements to I-94, US-31, and I-94 BL, including:

- Reconstructing 3.1 miles of I-94, changing it from the current six-lane divided freeway to a barrier-separated eight-lane freeway.
- Adding an auxiliary lane in each direction of I-94 from the new US-31 connection to I-196, along with a concrete median barrier.
- Reconstructing all ramps at the I-196 interchange.
- Reconstructing and realigning 1.6 miles of I-94 BL, right-sizing it from a four-lane divided highway to a three-lane arterial.
- Removing the Euclid Avenue bridge over I-94 BL.
- Constructing 2 miles of US-31 to make it a new four-lane divided freeway.
- Removing the Highland Avenue and I-94 BL bridges over I-94.
- Constructing cul-de-sacs on Highland Avenue at each side of I-94.
- Constructing a new US-31/I-94/I-94 BL interchange over I-94.
- Reconstructing the Territorial Road bridge over I-94.
- Rehabilitating the Benton Center Road bridge over I-94.
- Building new bridges over US-31 at Empire Avenue, Britain Avenue, and Benton Center Road.

More information is available on the project website: [www.Michigan.gov/US-31Relocation](http://www.Michigan.gov/US-31Relocation).