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I-196/I-96/E. Beltline Ave., Kent County

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Start: Spring 2018 **End:** October 2020

Investment: \$60 million

What Is Being Done?

The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) is investing more than \$60 million to reconstruct I-196 between Maryland Avenue and M-44 (East Beltline Avenue), reconfigure the I-96/I-196/M-44 interchange, and reconstruct and widen the westbound I-196 bridge over the Grand River at US-131. The new configuration will create dedicated exit lanes to East Beltline Avenue from eastbound I-96 and eastbound I-196. Widening westbound I-196 over the Grand River will accommodate wider shoulders and additional lanes to better connect westbound I-196 to the US-131 interchange.

How Traffic Will Be Affected:

From April 1 through Aug. 30, westbound I-196 will be closed over the Grand

River near US-131 for widening and deck replacement. During this time, westbound I-196 will not have access to US-131 and one lane will remain open with access to Fuller, College and Ottawa avenues.

In early June, eastbound I-96 will be closed at Leonard Street for approximately five months while the existing westbound I-196 bridge over eastbound I-96 is removed and the new eastbound I-96 bridge is completed. Traffic will be detoured onto southbound US-131 to eastbound I-196.

The East Beltline Avenue ramps to I-96 and the Leonard Street ramp to eastbound I-96 will be closed throughout the project.

Additional Information:

[Westbound I-196 Bridge Widening and Reconstruction - Grand Rapids](#)

[Project Video](#)

[I-96 and I-196 Interchange Open House Documents](#)


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