

I-496 and US-127

January 16, 2024



Agenda

I-496/US-127 from I-96 to I-69

- Project Overview
- Proposed Operational Improvements
- Preliminary Maintenance of Traffic scheme



I-496 & US-127 Construction Work

I-496 & US-127 proposed construction work by year:

2023 Construction (**COMPLETE**):

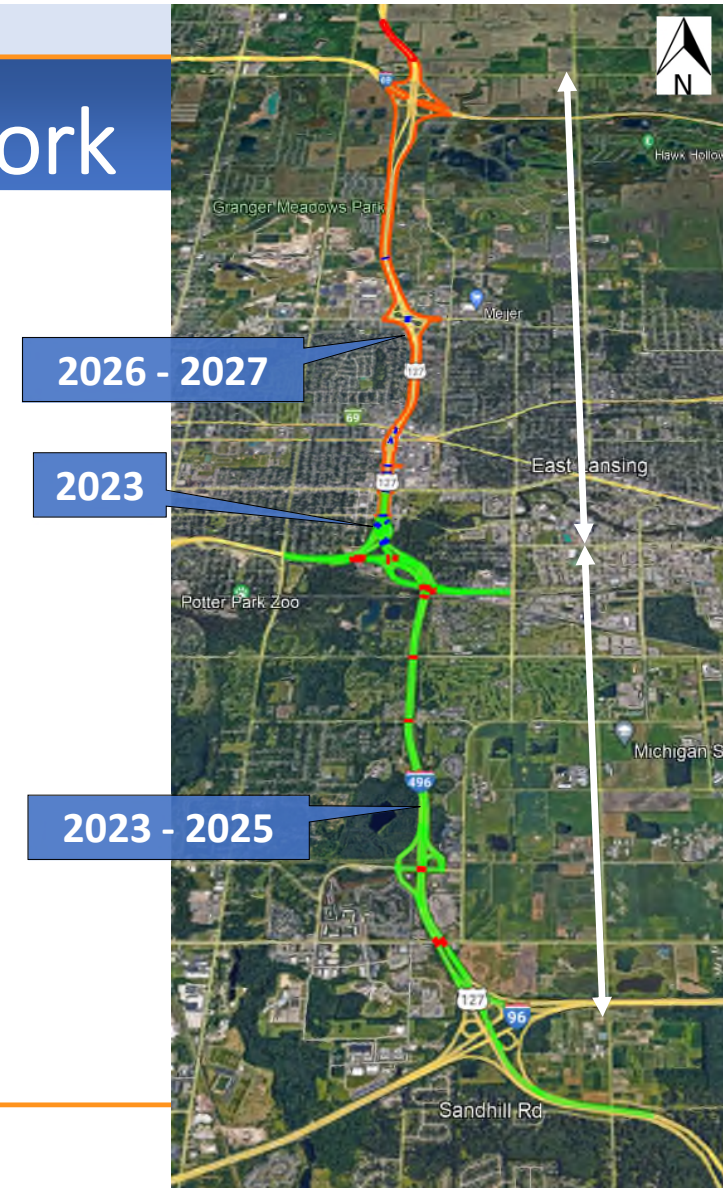
EB I-496 to NB US-127 Ramp and SB US-127 to WB I-496 Ramp bridge and roadway reconstruction

2023 to 2025 Construction (begin work late in 2023):

Reconstruction of I-496/US-127 from I-96 to I-496

2026 to 2027 Construction (begin work early in 2026):

Rehabilitation of US-127 from I-496 to I-69



I-496/US-127 Reconstruct from I-96 to I-496

Project information:

Reconstruction of 3.7 miles of roadway from I-96 to I-496

Reconstruction of the Dunckel Rd and Trowbridge Rd interchange ramps

Work on 18 bridges

Reconstruction of Trowbridge Rd

Addition of freeway lighting from Dunckel Rd to Trowbridge Rd

Rebuilding to occur from late 2023 through the end of 2025

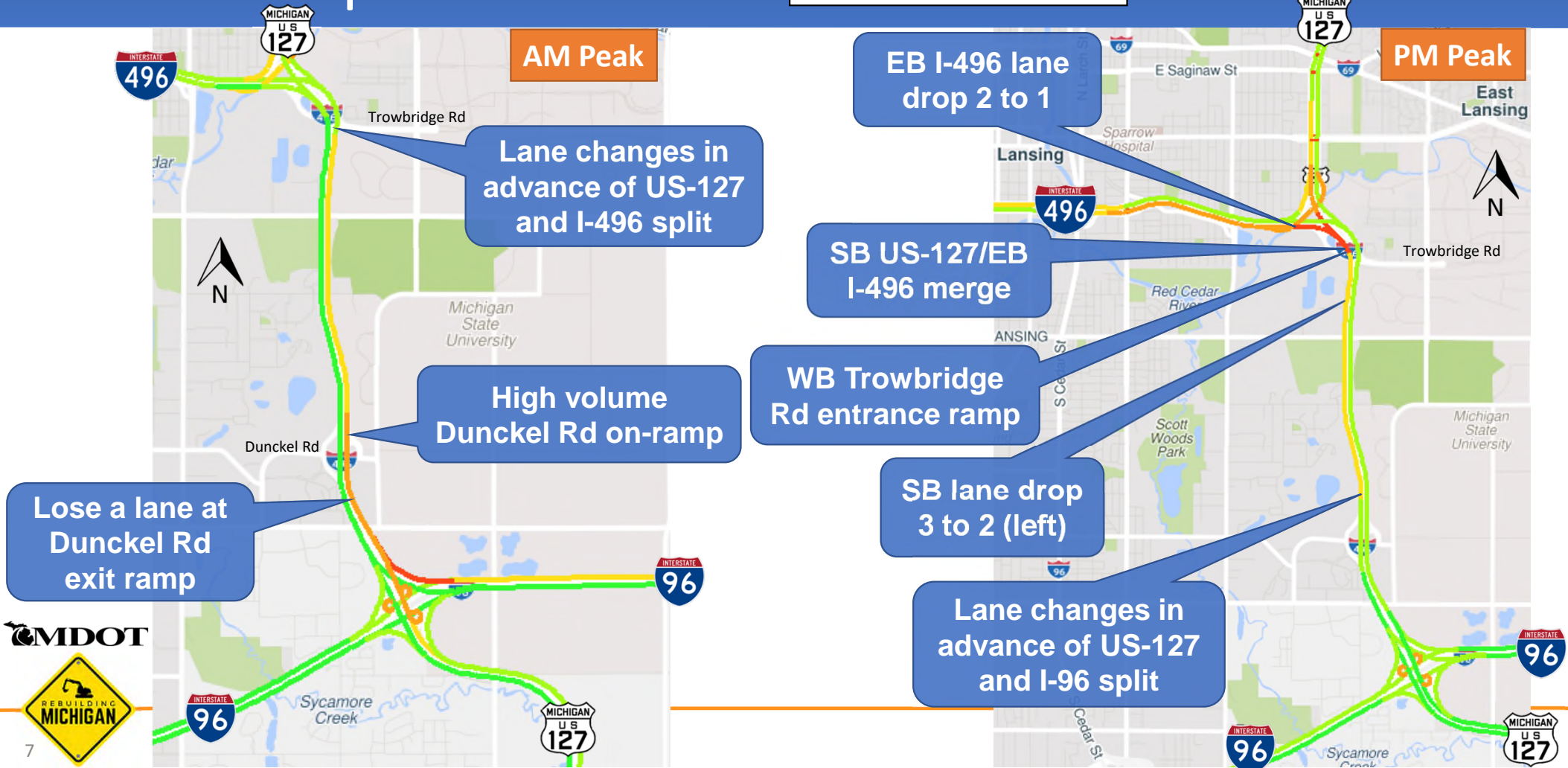


2019 Operations

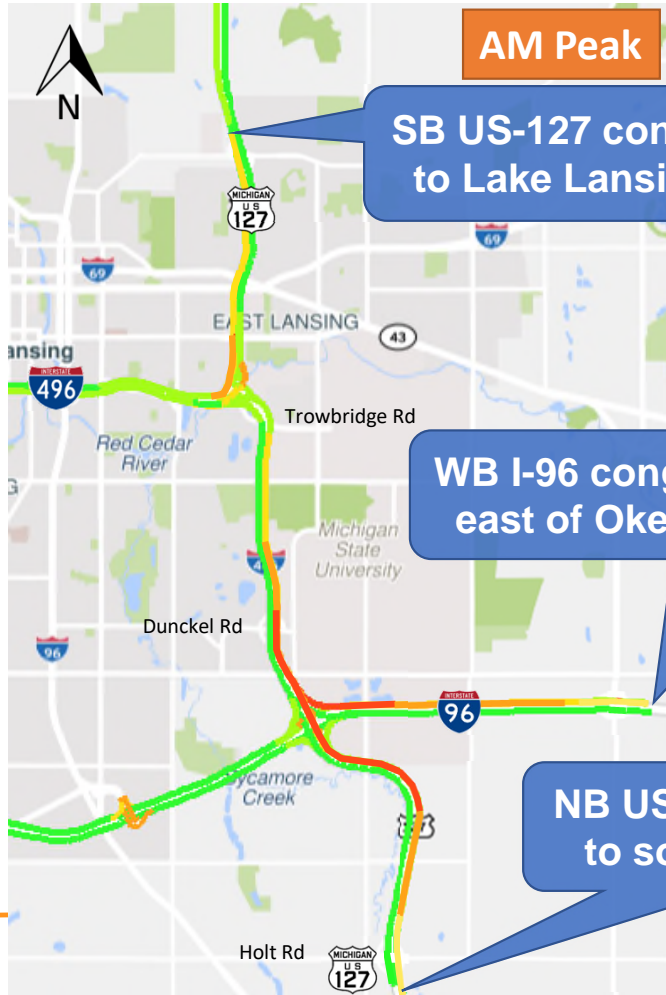
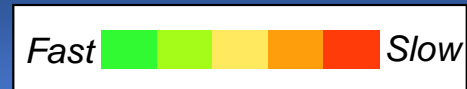


AM Peak

PM Peak

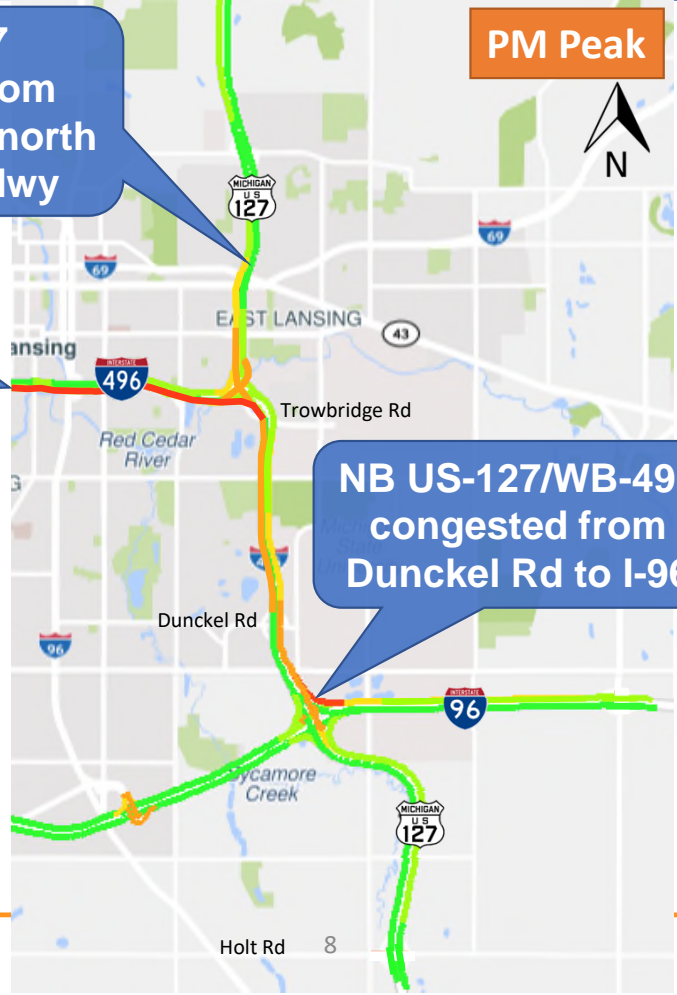


2045 Operations (No-Build)



SB US-127 congested from Dunkel Rd to north of Saginaw Hwy

EB I-496 congested to west of MLK Blvd

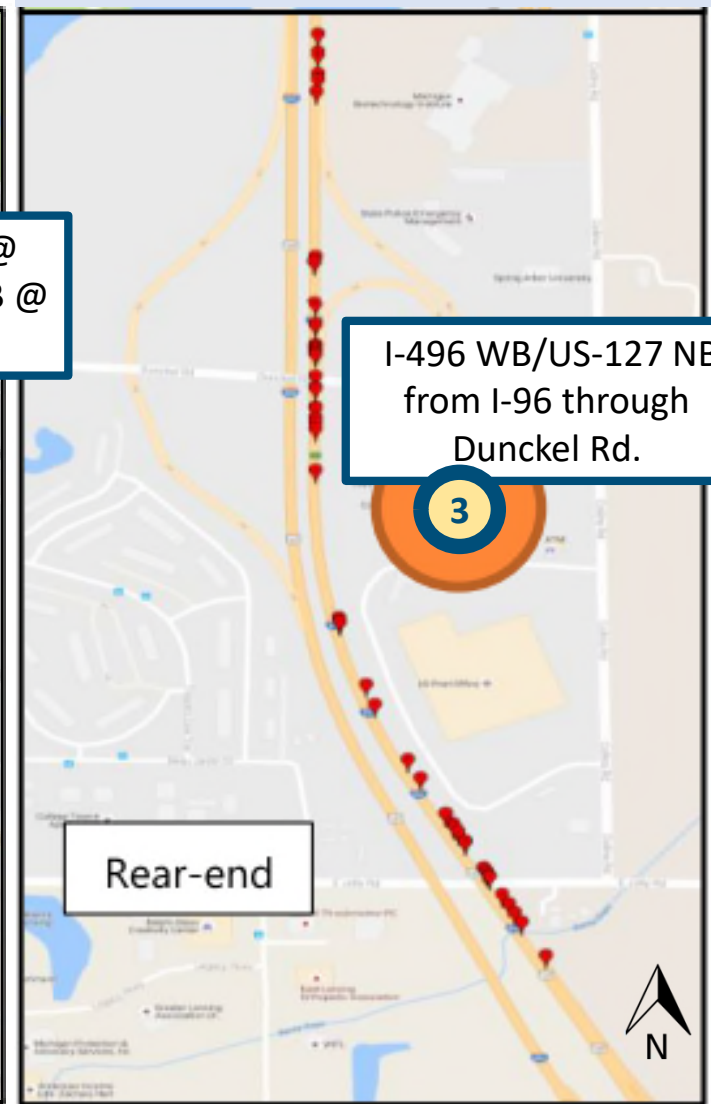
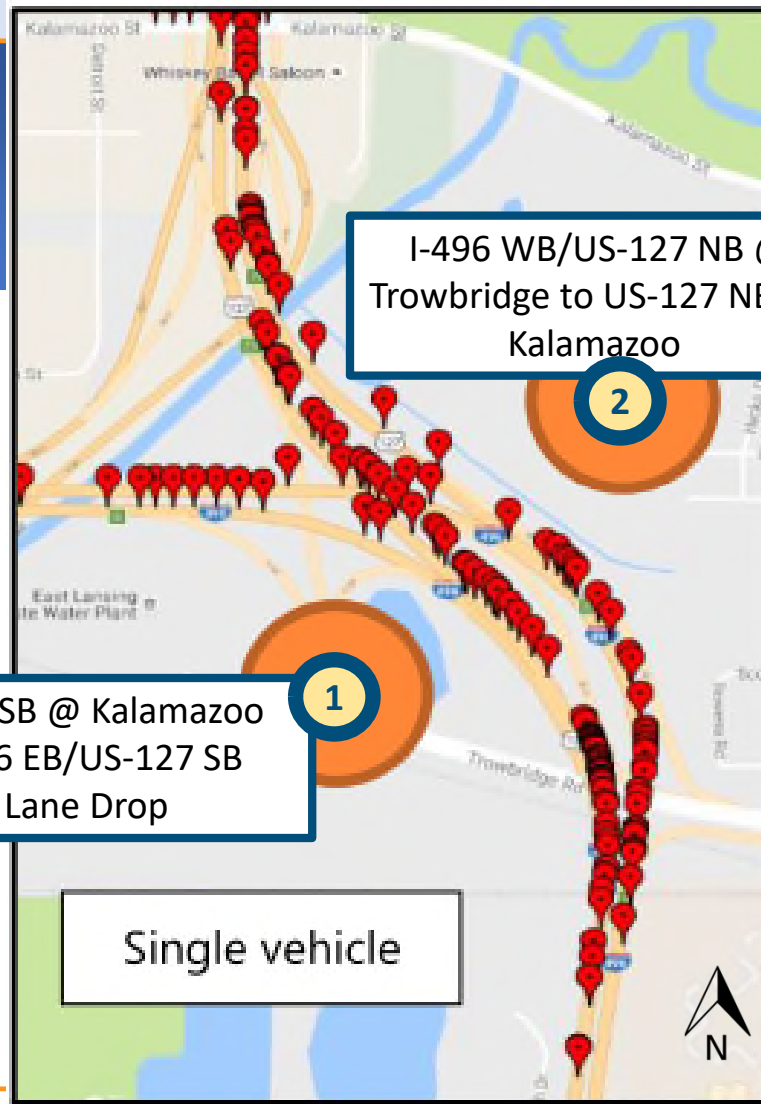


Crash Analysis

Details

5-year review period

Does not include the Covid-19 timeframe



Key takeaways from the “Operations” slides

“Operations” slide key takeaways:

AM Peak issues are due to lane drops at Dunckel Rd, high traffic volumes entering NB US-127 from Dunckel Rd and lane configuration issues at I-496 and US-127 split.

PM Peak issues are due to lanes drops along EB I-496 and SB US-127 and freeways merging in with each other.

Traffic operations worsen if the roadway is not upgraded in future years.

NB US-127 begins to see congestion at Dunckel Rd in the PM Peak in the future.



Proposed Roadway Fix

Roadway fix based on Operational Analysis

WB I-496 / NB US-127:

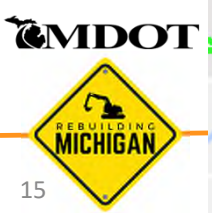
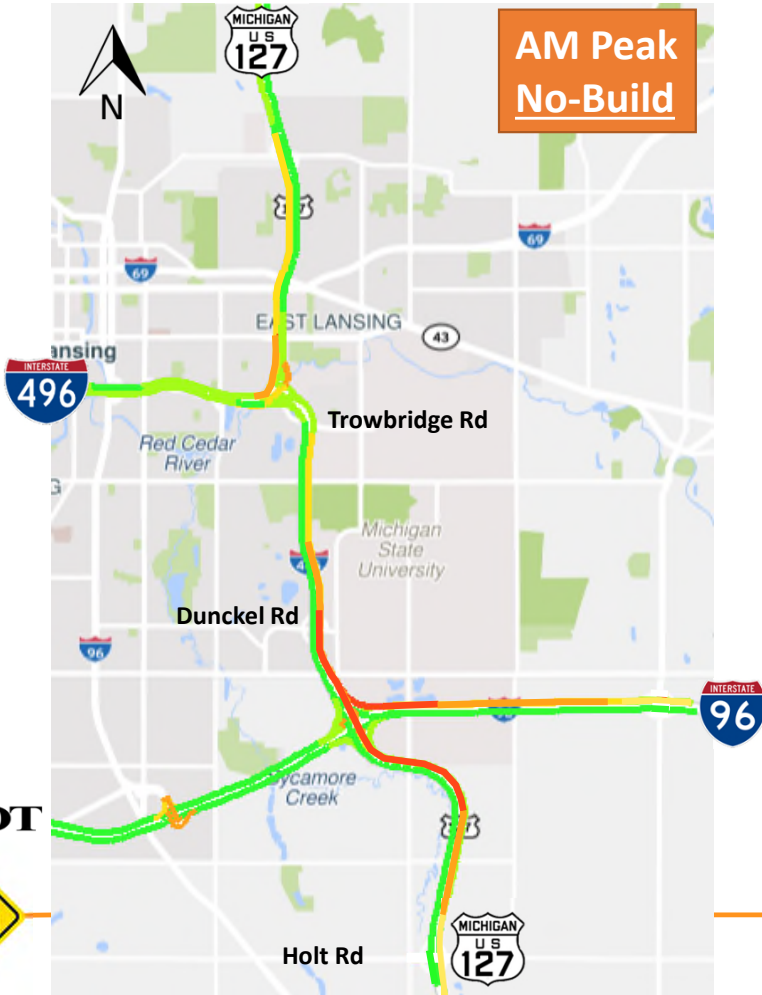
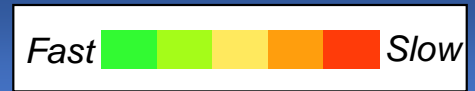
- Add a 3rd lane from Dunckel Rd to I-496
- Extend the NB Dunckel on-ramp acceleration lane
- 2 dedicated lanes to both NB US-127 & WB I-496

EB I-496 / SB US-127:

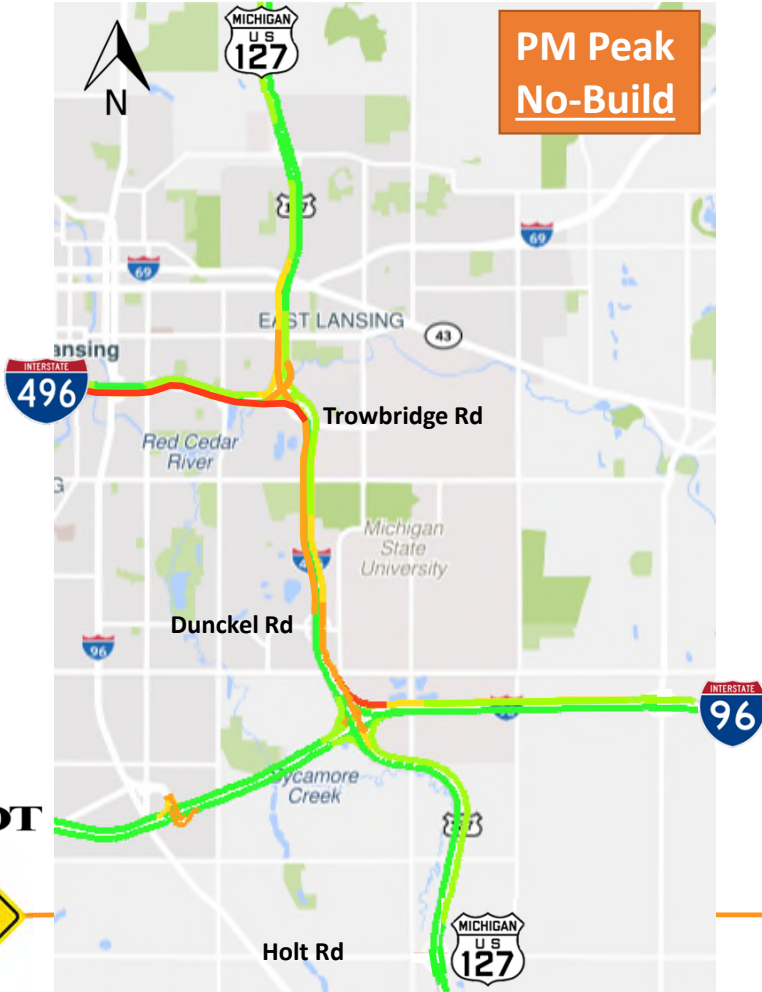
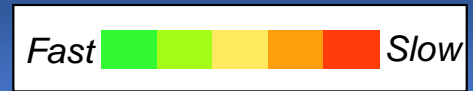
- Add a 3rd lane from EB I-496 to Dunckel Rd
- Extend the SB US-127 median lane drop
- 2 dedicated lanes to both SB US-127 & EB I-96



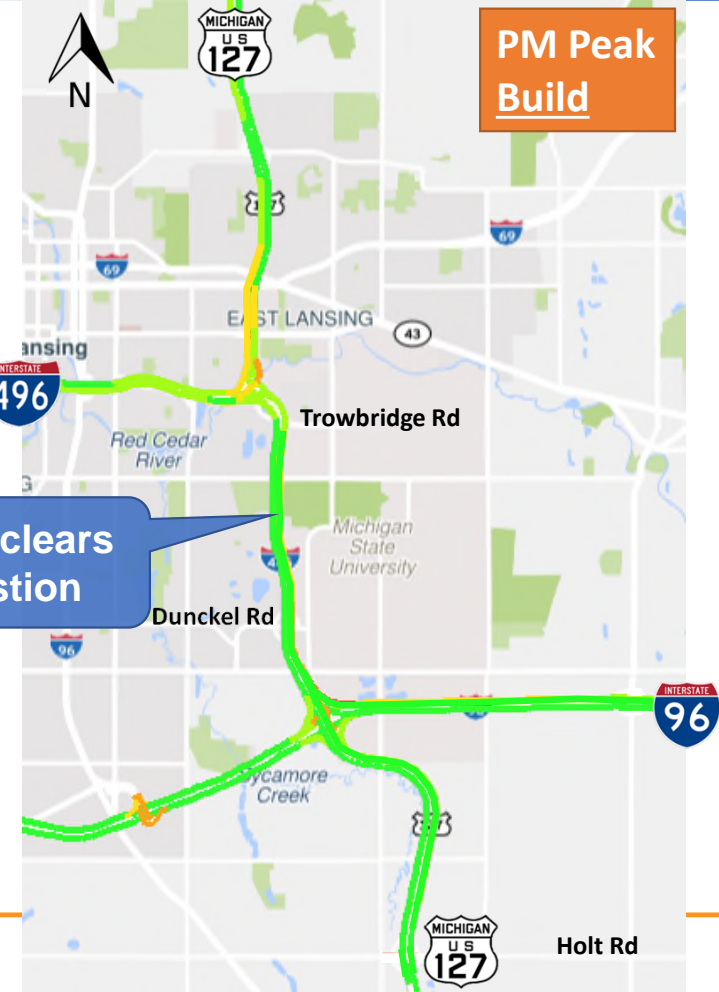
2045 Operations (No-Build vs Build)



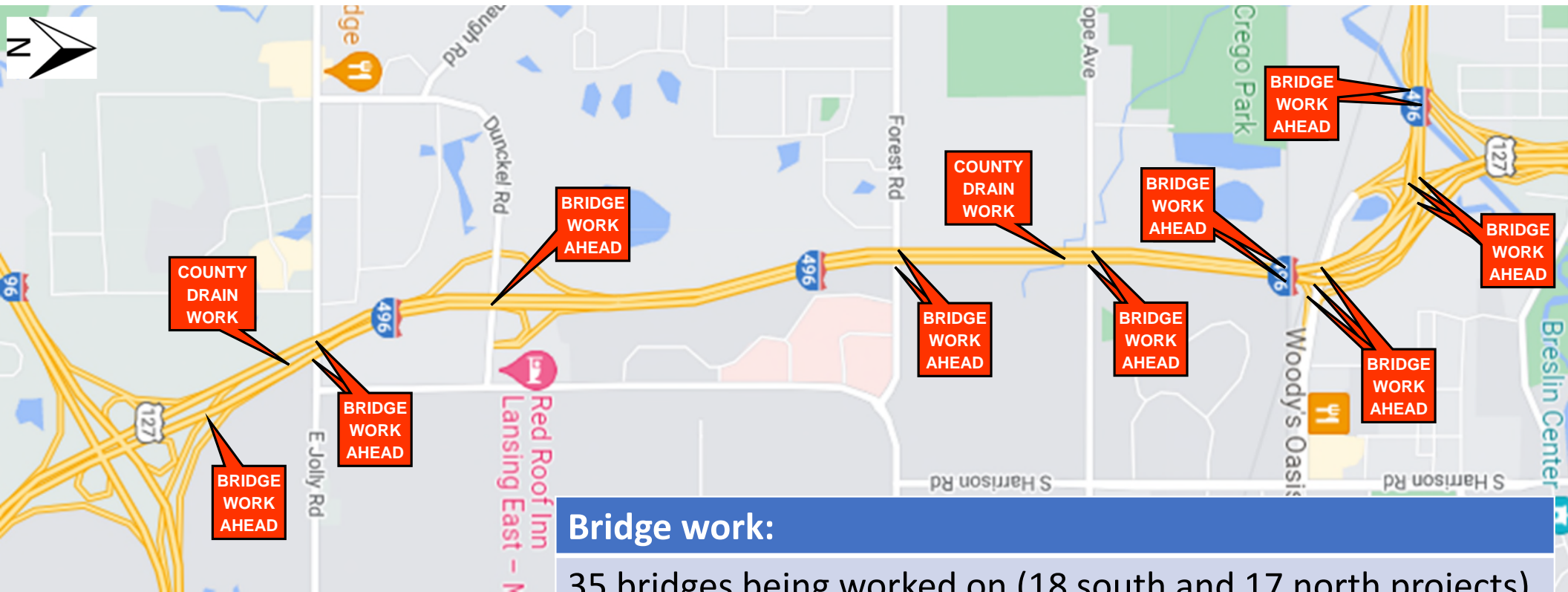
2045 Operations (No-Build)



Additional lane clears SB/NB congestion



Bridge Work



Bridge work:

35 bridges being worked on (18 south and 17 north projects)

Fix types vary from full reconstruction to rehabilitation

2 drain crossings are being replaced

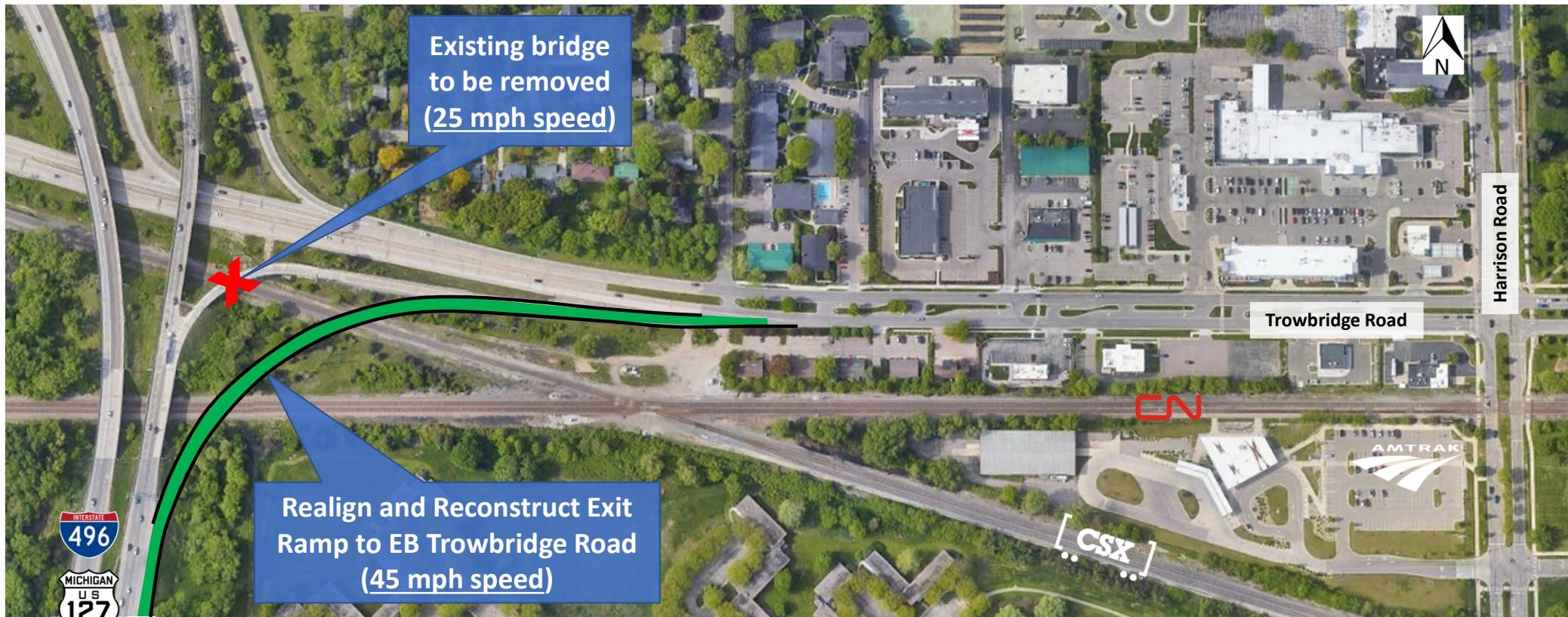
NB US-127 & WB I-496 exit ramp to Trowbridge Rd



Existing ramp and bridge to be removed (25 mph speed)



NB US-127 & WB I-496 exit ramp to Trowbridge Rd



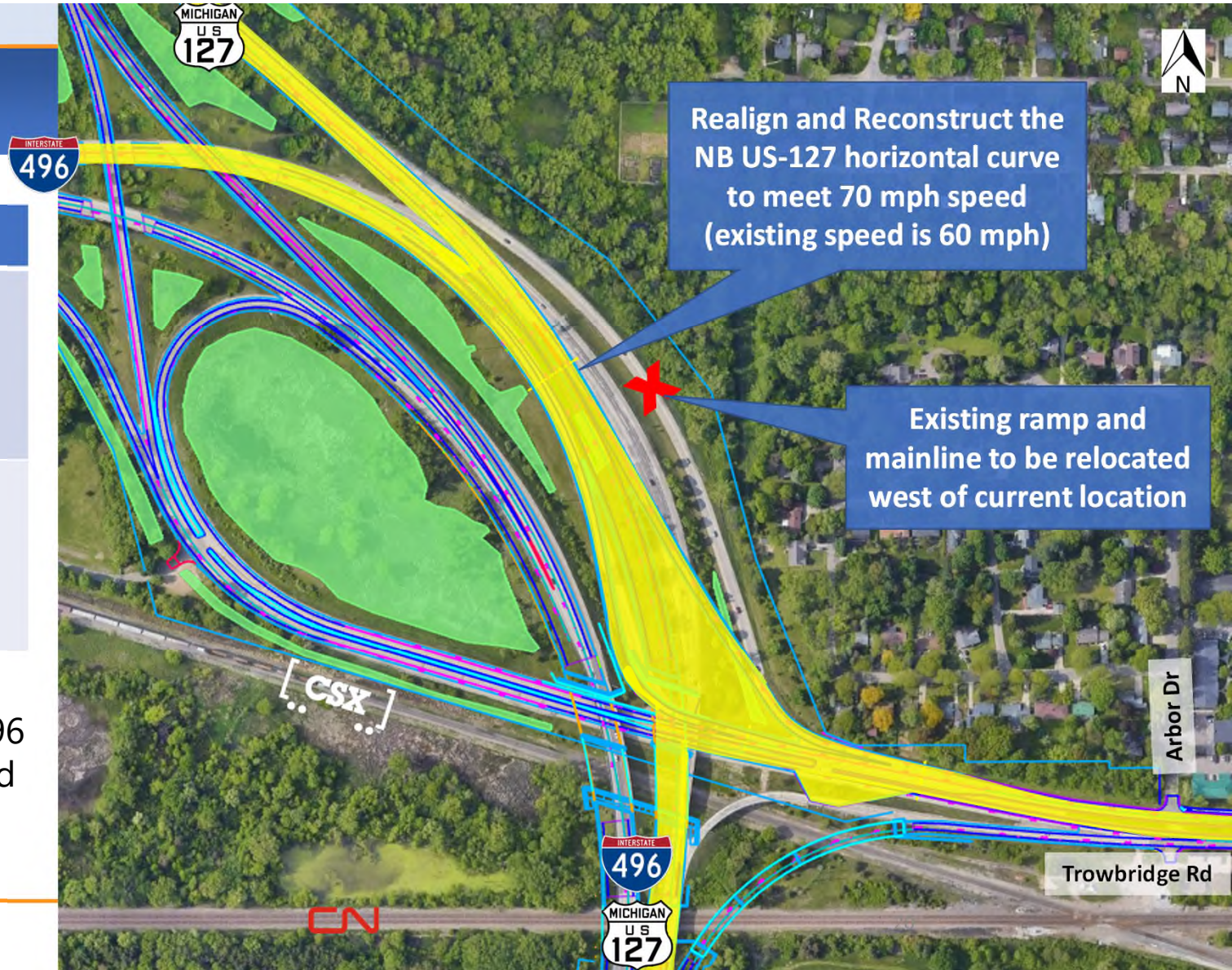
NB US-127

Project information:

NB US-127 horizontal curve to meet 70 mph design speed

WB Trowbridge ramp to NB US-127 to move approx. 150 ft west

Note: NB US-127 and WB I-496 proposed roadway highlighted in yellow.



2023 Construction Work Tasks

2023 Construction work tasks:

Preparation work in advance of 2024 construction.

Shoulder upgrades to accommodate temporary traffic during 2024 construction.

Construction of temporary crossovers to maintain traffic during construction.



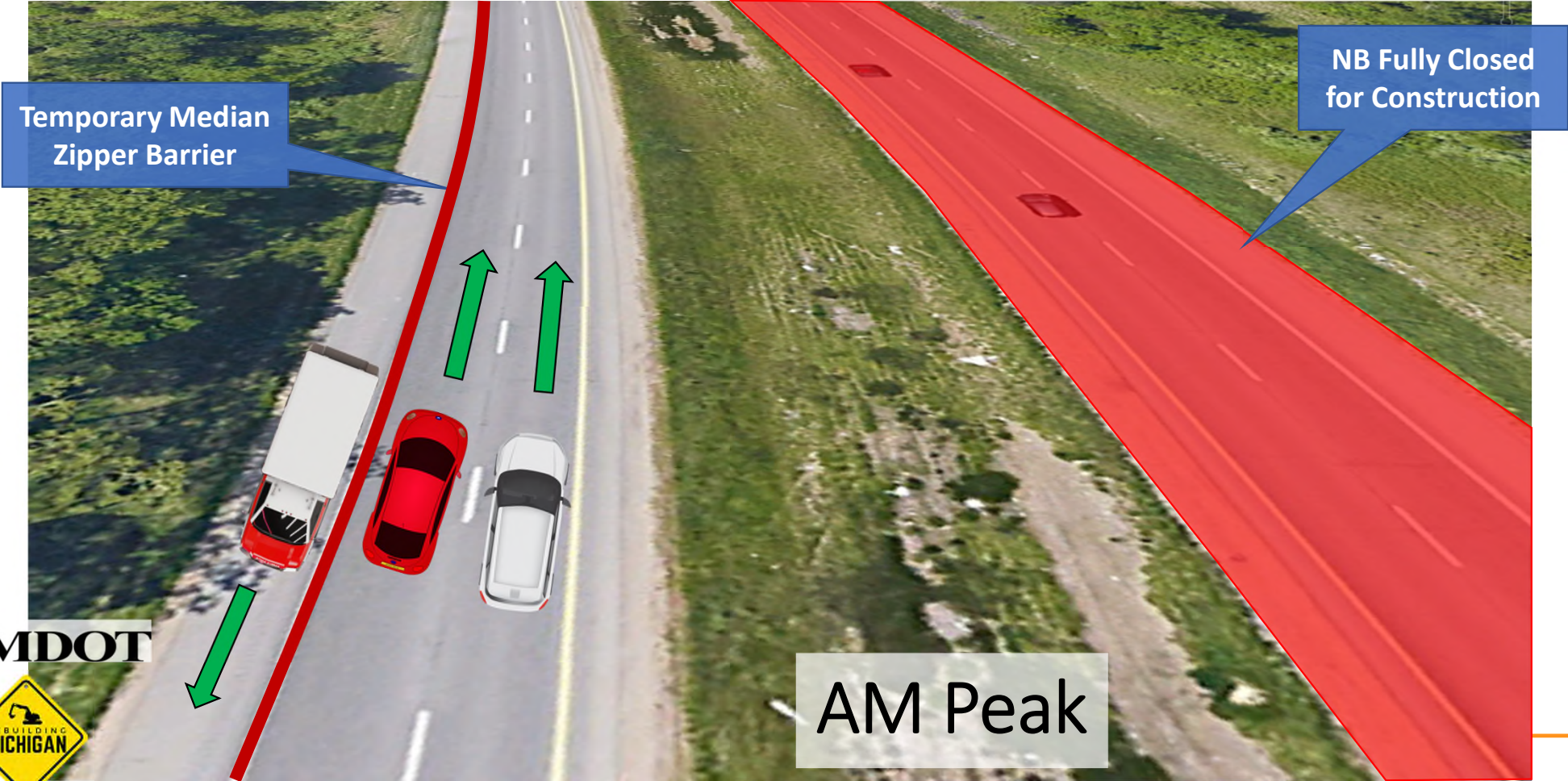
Maintenance of Traffic during Construction



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MDOT



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Temporary Median
Zipper Barrier

NB Fully Closed
for Construction

PM Peak

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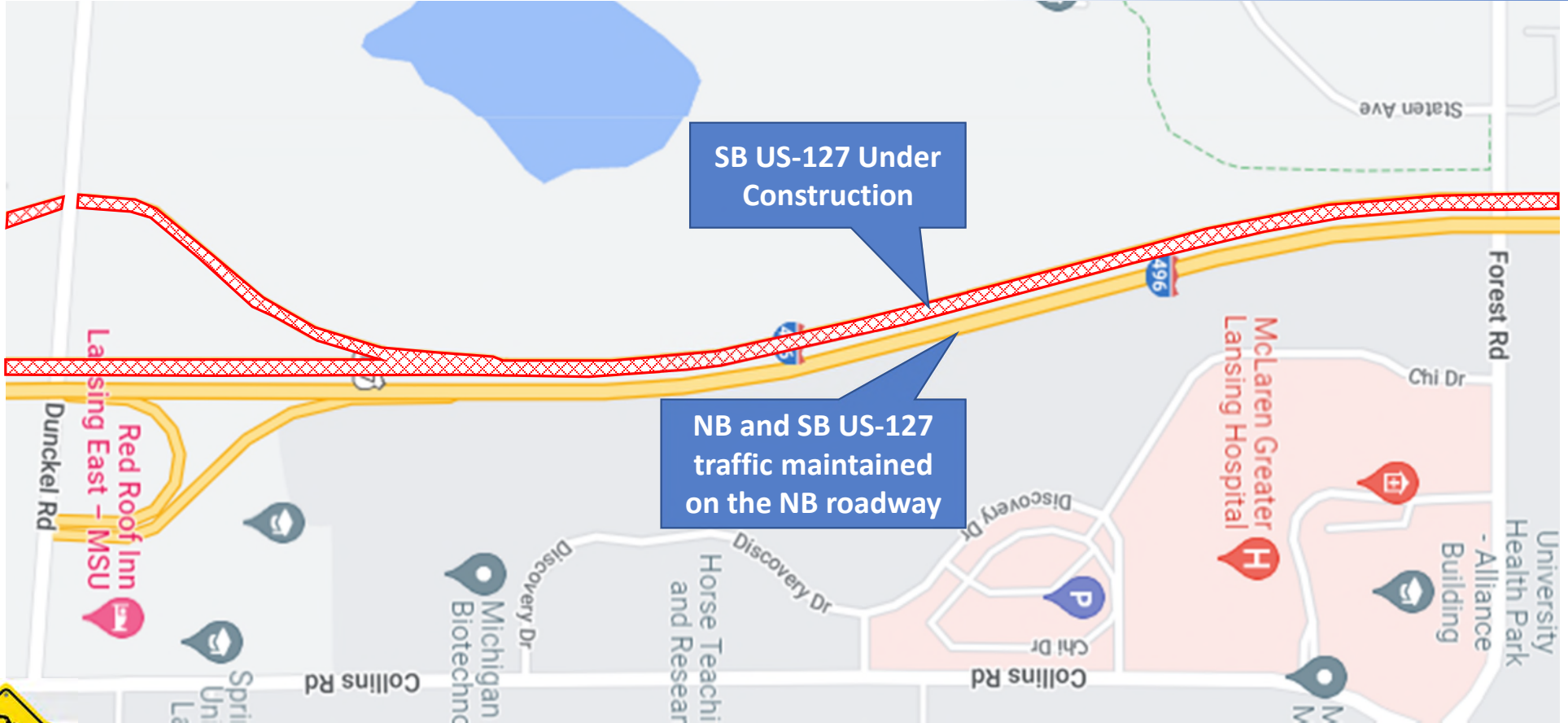


Zipper Barrier

[video of how zipper barrier works - Google Search](#)



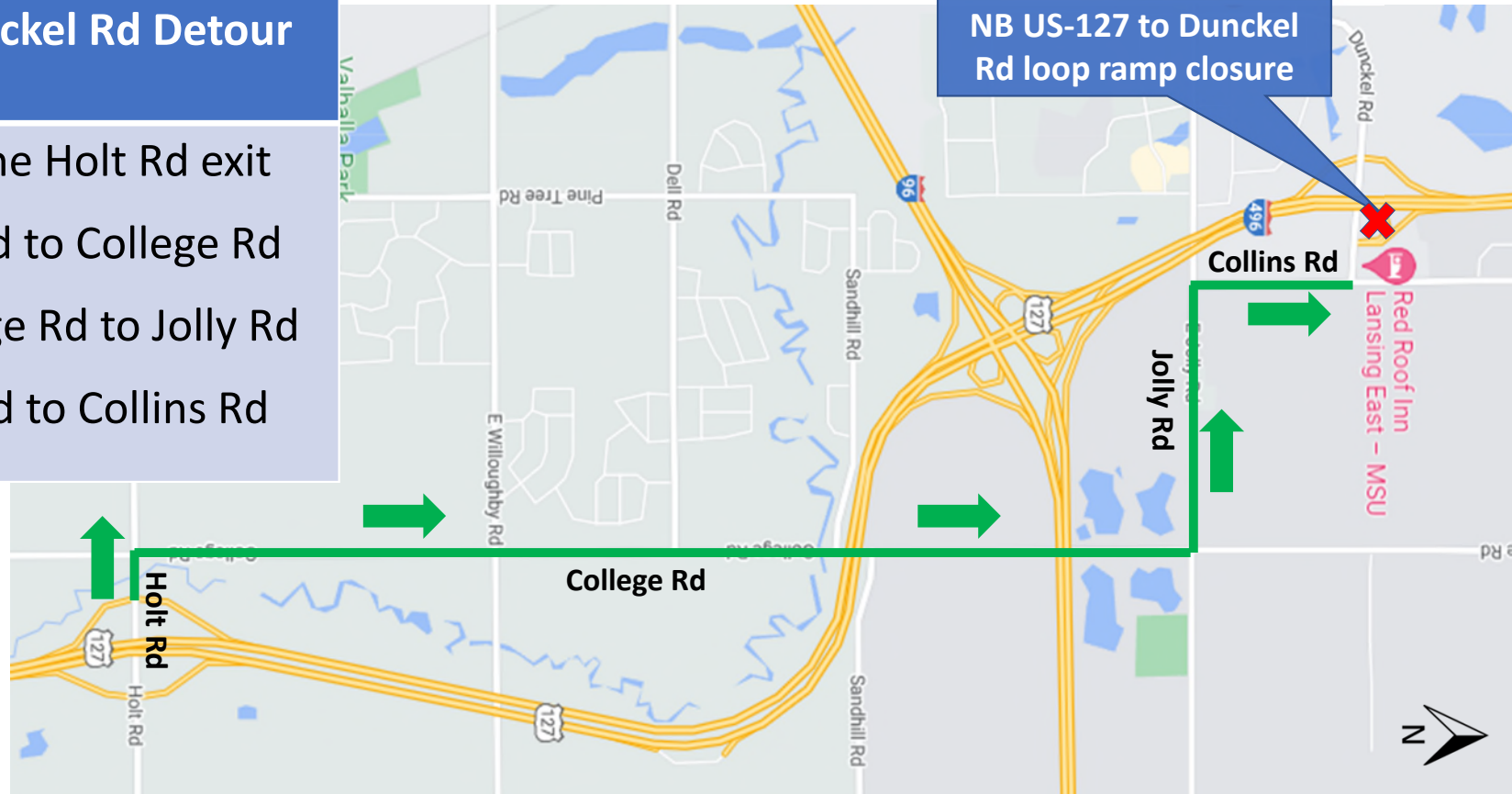
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NB US-127 to Dunckel Rd Exit Ramp Detour

NB US-127 to Dunckel Rd Detour (Hospital Route):

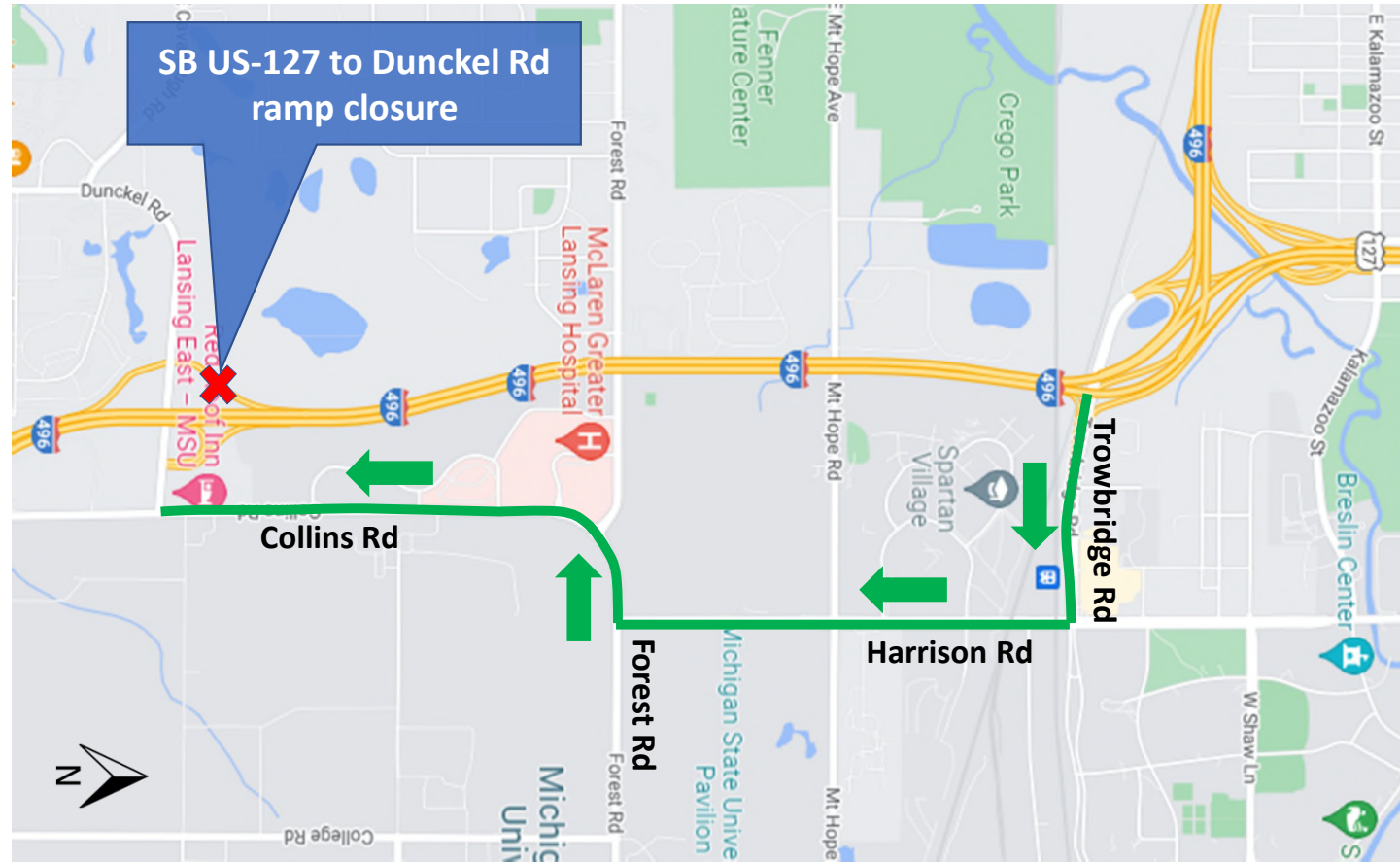
- NB US-127 to the Holt Rd exit
- West on Holt Rd to College Rd
- North on College Rd to Jolly Rd
- West on Jolly Rd to Collins Rd



SB US-127 to Dunckel Rd Exit Ramp Detour

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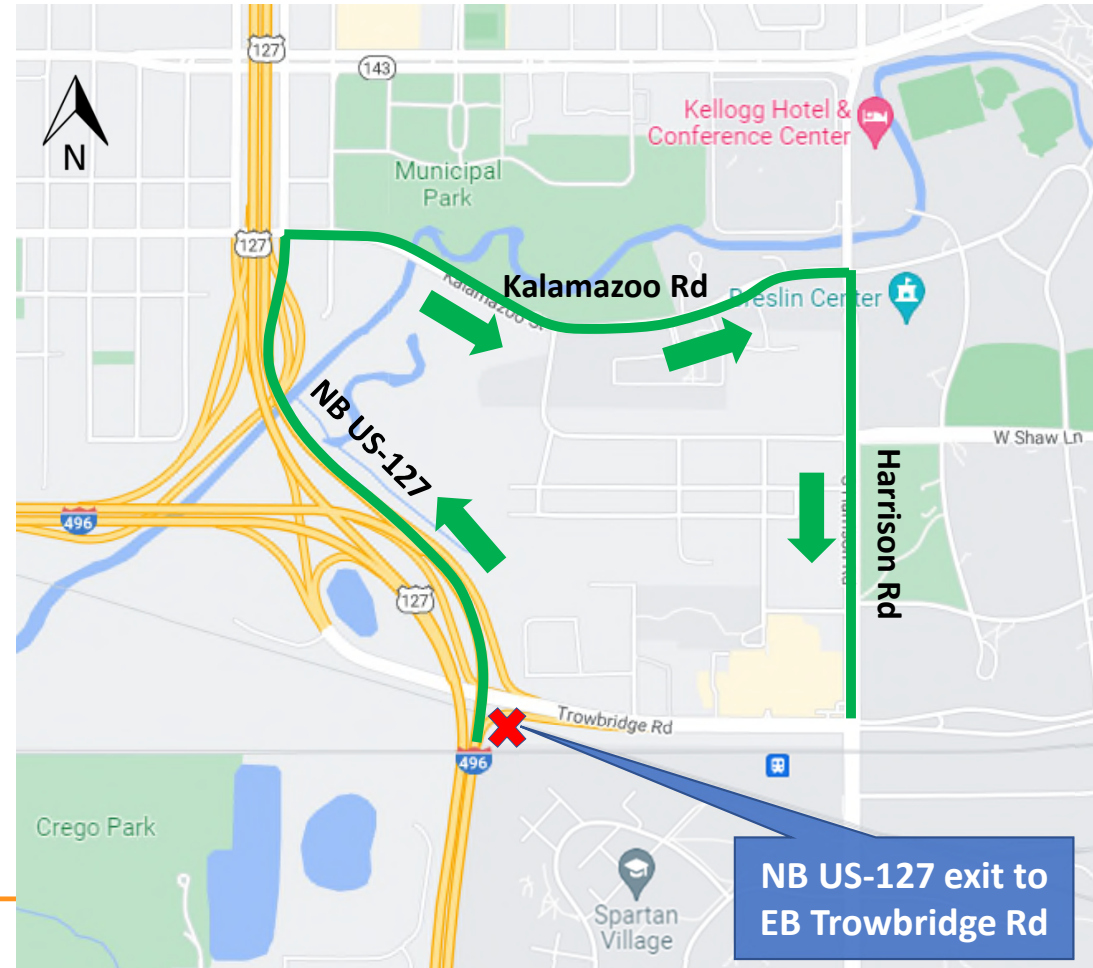
- SB US-127 to Trowbridge Rd
- East on Trowbridge Rd to Harrison Rd
- South on Harrison Rd to Forest Rd
- West on Forest Rd to Collins Rd



NB US-127 to EB Trowbridge Exit Ramp Detour

NB US-127 to Trowbridge Rd Detour:

- NB US-127 to Kalamazoo Rd
- East on Kalamazoo Rd to Harrison Rd
- South on Harrison Rd to Trowbridge Rd

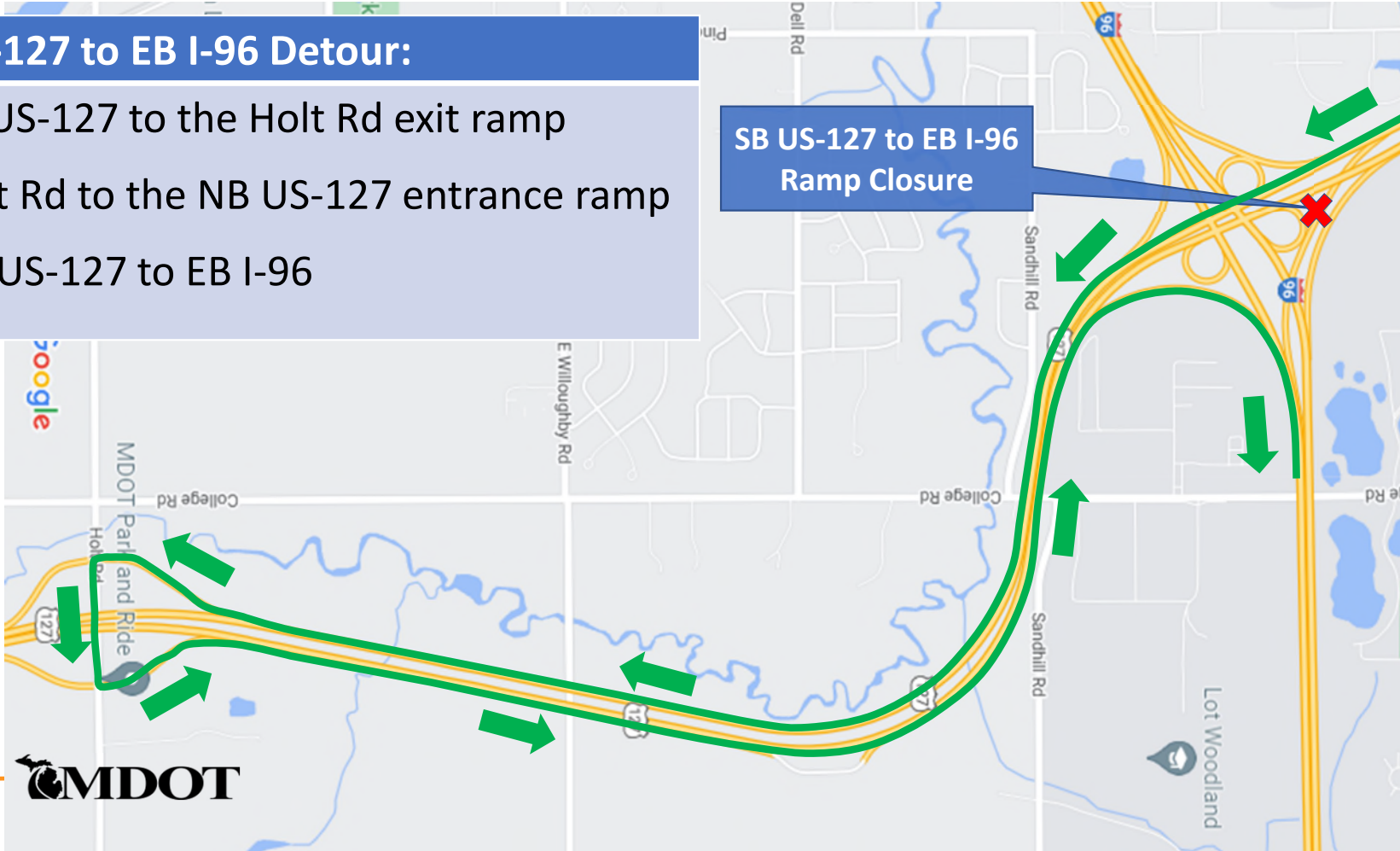


NB US-127 to EB Trowbridge Exit Ramp Detour

SB US-127 to EB I-96 Detour:

- SB US-127 to the Holt Rd exit ramp
- Holt Rd to the NB US-127 entrance ramp
- NB US-127 to EB I-96

SB US-127 to EB I-96
Ramp Closure



Outreach

Future Public Outreach:

- Additional meetings as-needed/requested throughout the project and based on the proposed construction schedule.
- Currently scheduling public meeting for mid-February 2024
- Other ways of connecting on this project include:
- Website: <https://www.michigan.gov/127Corridor>
 - Check website for updates, presentation slides, future meeting links, dates and times, and
 - Subscribe to US-127 updates on the website above



Questions?

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