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Early! MDOT opens ramp from eastbound I-696 to eastbound I-94 in Macomb County

October 6, 2010 -- More than two weeks ahead of schedule, crews opened the ramp from eastbound I-696 to eastbound I-94 in Macomb County, according to the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT). The ramp closure is part of a \$31 million investment to rehabilitate the I-94/I-696 interchange, reconstruct I-696 between Neiman Road and I-94, and to resurface I-94 between 8 Mile and 11 Mile roads.

The ramp was closed on July 15 and was expected to remain closed until Oct. 22. The opening comes in 16 days ahead of schedule and is a welcomed improvement for the 40,000 motorists that use the ramp daily.

The remainder of the interchange work, the reconstruction of I-696, and the resurfacing of I-94 are expected to wrap up in late November. In 2011, crews will return to rebuild the 11 Mile Road overpass above I-94 as part of this two-year project.

For up-to-date information on this project, go to the list of statewide lane closures at: www.michigan.gov/drive. Follow MDOT at www.twitter.com/MichiganDOT or www.facebook.com/MichiganDOT .

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