

Exit 92 bridge to close Friday



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Construction will close the bridge at I-94's Exit 92 through September and will cause overnight shutdowns on the freeway this weekend.

Some of the exit's ramps will be closed for two weeks but are expected to be open for most of the project.

The bridge will be closed beginning Friday until after Labor Day, Sept. 7, the Michigan Department of Transportation said in a news release Monday.

I-94 will be closed nightly this weekend: from 10 p.m. Friday through 8 a.m. Saturday; 9 p.m. Saturday through 10 a.m. Sunday; and 10 p.m. Sunday through 6 a.m. Monday. Traffic will be rerouted on exit ramps around the bridge, and a temporary ramp has been built from eastbound I-94 to Michigan Avenue.

Exit 92 heads to the I-94 Business Loop/Columbia Avenue/Skyline Drive north of the freeway, and to Mercury Drive south of the freeway. Here's how its ramps will be affected during construction:

- Eastbound I-94 ramp to southbound Mercury: Open for most of the project, but will require a two-week closure.
- Westbound I-94 ramp to the Business Loop: Open for most of the project, but will require a two-week closure
- Southbound Columbia ramp to westbound I-94: Open throughout construction
- Northbound Mercury ramp to eastbound I-94: Open for most of the project, but will require a two-week closure

Detours for eastbound I-94 traffic to northbound I-94 Business Loop will be routed to Exit 98 -- I-194/M-66, and westbound traffic will go to Exit 88 -- Michigan Avenue/South 40th Street.

The bridge replacement is part of a \$14.1 million project that includes resurfacing parts of the Business Loop and shutting down a portion of Skyline Drive.