



Old 131 project to start Monday as scheduled

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CADILLAC — The contract for the Old 131 project was awarded to Team Elmer's on Tuesday, and now the work is set to start as scheduled on Monday.

Michigan Department of Transportation Delivery Engineer Del Kirkby said that with the contract awarded and the start date confirmed, the project's detour will start sometime late Monday morning. Old 131 traffic will be detoured on U.S. 131 between Boon Road and M-42. Access to homes and businesses will be maintained. Construction is still slated to be completed prior to the Labor Day holiday weekend.

"Traffic will be maintained locally in the construction area by a construction drive from the south end of the project to 41 1/2 Road," Kirkby said. "North of 41 1/2 Road, individual residents within the construction zone will be directed on which way they need to go to get out."

Kirkby also said north of the project limits, traffic on Old 131 will need to follow the posted detour.

The project's possible delay was due to the low bid coming in almost 15 percent more than the funded amount. Additional funds were found in Lansing to continue the project, but with bids being released on June 25, some things needed to be done in a short time for the work to start on schedule. Kirkby said those things occurred in large part because of the hard work of everyone involved.

Why this is important to you:

- With the start of an MDOT project on Old 131 nearing its start day, it has been confirmed the project will start as scheduled on Monday.

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