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Ahead of schedule! MDOT to open all lanes on I-75 modernization project in Oakland County

Safety benefits:

- This project to modernize I-75 to current standards will enhance safety and improve traffic flow.

August 31, 2017 -- In time for the Labor Day holiday weekend, crews will open all lanes and ramps tomorrow on northbound I-75 from Coolidge Highway to South Boulevard in Oakland County. All travel lanes on southbound were opened this morning. The opening is 20 days ahead of schedule and marks a significant milestone reached on segment one of the freeway modernization project, a \$91.8 million investment to rebuild more than 3 miles of the interstate and make operational improvements to the Square Lake Road interchange.

In addition to rebuilding the freeway lanes, the project involved realigning a section of I-75 to allow for replacing outdated left-lane ramps to and from northbound I-75 and Square Lake Road to safer right-lane movements. This investment also included replacing eight bridges, rebuilding ramps at the I-75/Adams Road interchange, incorporating drainage improvements, and community-developed aesthetic treatments.

Motorists are reminded that opening to traffic differs from project completion. After Labor Day weekend, crews will return to expand and improve the Adams Road carpool lot and install permanent pavement markings on freeway lanes. The pavement marking installation will

occur during non-peak hours on a yet to be determined weekend. All lanes and ramps are expected to remain open during weekdays.

In spring 2018, tree planting will commence to replace and add trees that were removed to accommodate the freeway realignment, as well as ditch rebuilding for better freeway drainage. All trees that were 6 inches in diameter will be replaced with either two or three for every one that was removed.

Follow the I-75 modernization progress on the web at www.modernize75.com, or follow on Facebook at www.facebook.com/modernize75 or on twitter at www.twitter.com/modernize75.

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