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## UPDATE: FAIRPLAIN DRIVE ROAD IMPROVEMENTS AND TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE/DETOUR INFORMATION

**TOWNSHIP:** Benton Township

**LOCATION:** Fairplain Drive, between M-139 and Mall Drive.

**CLOSEST CITIES:** Benton Harbor

**STRUCTURE ADJUSTMENTS:** Starting Wednesday, 4/20/2022

**ROAD MILLING/PAVING:** Starting the week of 4/25/2022

**CASTING ADJUSTMENTS:** 4/29/2022 & 4/30/2022\*\*

*When crews are working and improvements are taking place to Fairplain Drive between M-139 to Plaza Drive, Fairplain Drive will be closed and road users should follow the outlined Phase I Detour Route.*

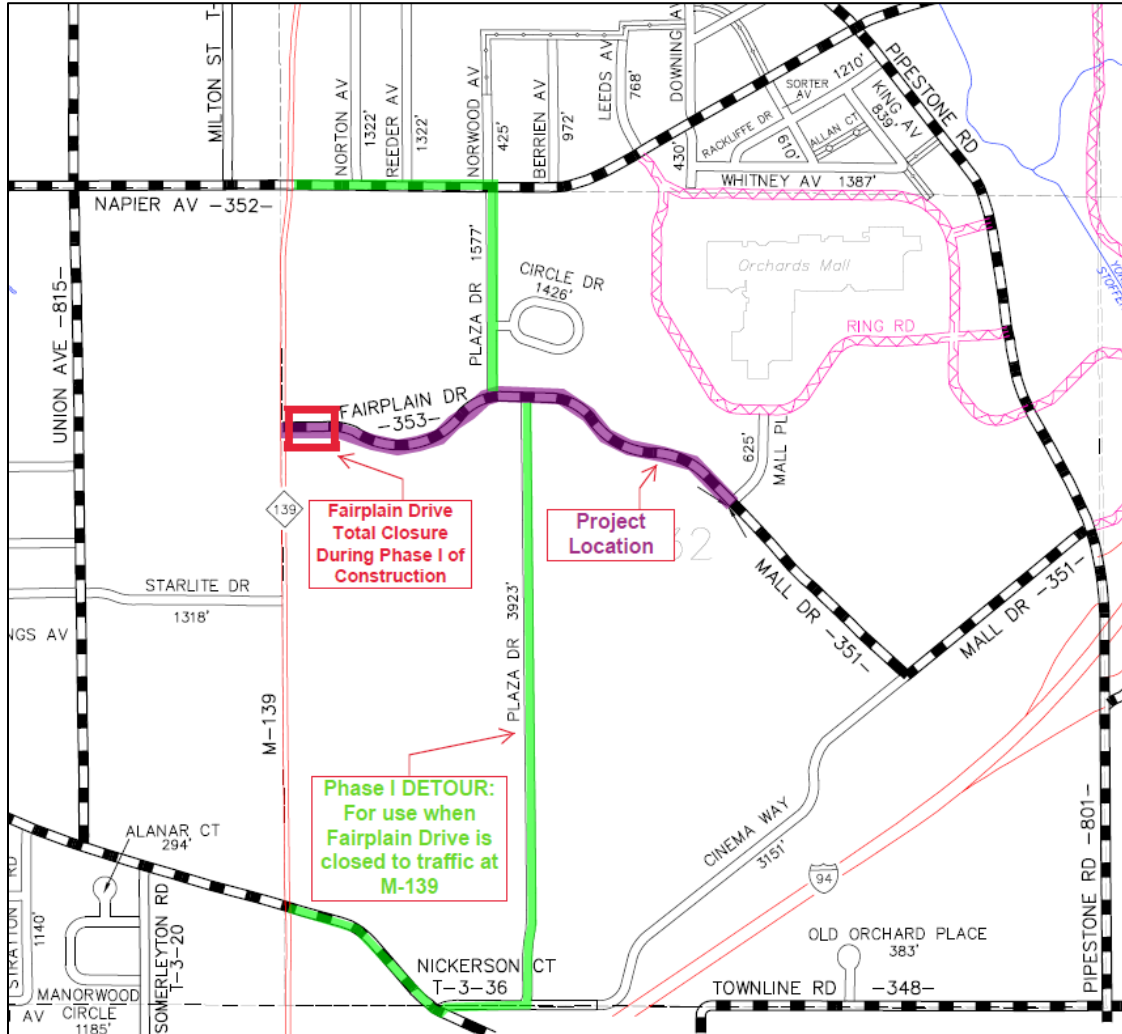
**\*\*ALL DATES AND WORK IS CONTRACTOR AND WEATHER DEPENDENT\*\***

**PROJECT:** Fairplain Drive from M-139 to Mall Drive will be resurfaced starting mid-April. This project will also include the reconfiguration of roadway lanes to facilitate safer use for all road users. The resulting road surface will include wide paved shoulders for non-motorized use.

**TRAFFIC RESTRICTIONS:** Crews will be adjusting structures/manholes in the road starting on 4/20/2022. Until adjustments are completed between Plaza Drive and M-139 expect road closure with detour as outlined in Phase I Detour Route below. There should be possible delays and traffic disruption expected until full project is completed. We appreciate your patience during the road improvement process. The week of 4/20/2022 pavement milling will begin in preparation for paving. Fairplain Drive will temporarily be closed to traffic at the M-139 intersection during Phase I of construction improvements.

Once Phase I paving (from M-139 to Plaza Drive) has been completed Phase II traffic controls will remain in place. During Phase II there will be one lane of traffic (in each direction) maintained for the remaining duration of the project.

**PHASE I DETOUR ROUTE:** During Phase I, when Fairplain Drive is closed to all traffic at the M-139 intersection, a signed detour will be in place. Phase I Detour Route: Napier Avenue to Plaza Drive or Nickerson Avenue to Nickerson Court to Plaza Drive. Please follow posted signs when they are visible.



Phase I Detour will be in place when work is taking place to the portion of Fairplain Drive located between M-139 and Plaza Drive. Be aware traffic controls are expected to change depending on progress and location of crews. Signed detour route and appropriate signs will be in place when the road is closed. Please follow posted signs during this improvement project.

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