

**What and Why?**

The US-23 Flex Route Phase 2 study focuses on traffic safety, operations, infrastructure condition, and the directional peak period congestion along the US-23 corridor. The goal is to develop safe, efficient, and sustainable transportation improvements to assure that the corridor will meet the current and future highway traffic and operations with the use of state-of-the-art traffic control measures and improved infrastructure.

**Proposed Alternatives**

The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) performed an in-depth study and evaluation of the existing interchanges and has developed potential alternatives for the interchanges at M-36 (9 Mile Road) and Silver Lake Road.

**Flex Lane Extension:** Extend the Flex Lane from south of M-36 (9 Mile Road) to the I-96/US-23 interchange.

**M-36 (9 Mile Road):** The existing interchange is a partial cloverleaf configuration with loops and directional ramps. The proposed interchange is a series of three roundabouts, as shown in the graphic.

**M-36 (9 Mile Road)**



**Silver Lake Road:** This existing interchange is a tight diamond configuration with closely spaced intersections at Whitmore Lake Road and Fieldcrest Road. The proposed interchange has two alternatives:

Alternative 1: Single-point urban interchange (SPUI) with a signal under the bridge, as shown in the graphic.

Alternative 2: Roundabouts at each ramp terminal that include Whitmore Lake Road and Fieldcrest Road, as shown in the graphic.

**Silver Lake Road - Alternative 1**



**Silver Lake Road - Alternative 2**



**Potential Environmental Impacts**

As part of the project, MDOT will conduct a preliminary review of resources, including natural environment, cultural impacts, and community impacts in the study area and the impact that the project may have. The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) class of action will be determined after the public meeting and additional analysis will be conducted to determine the potential natural environment, cultural, and community impacts within the study area.

## Introduction

With the success of US-23 Flex Route Phase 1 from M-14 to just south of M-36 (9 Mile Road), MDOT has started a study of Phase 2 to extend the Flex Route to the I-96/US-23 interchange. The project limits are along US-23 from south of M-36 (9 Mile Road) to I-96, and the project study includes traffic analysis, roadway and bridge scoping, environmental surveys and NEPA documentation.

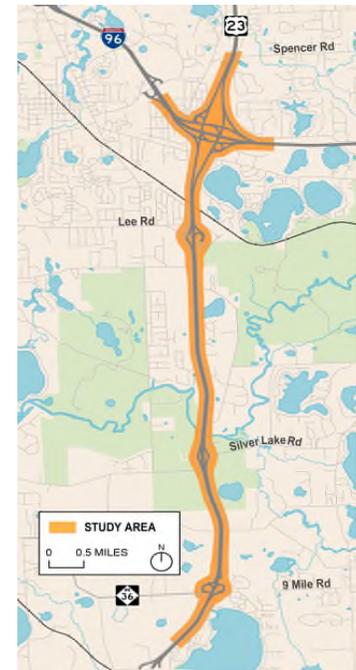
With the US-23 Flex Route Phase 2 study underway, MDOT wants to thank everyone who was involved in Phase 1 of the project, including those who have participated in the department's current research study to help improve on the operations of the Flex Route. Your time, support and comments have helped in MDOT being able to deliver a state-of-the-art Flex Route that has greatly improved mobility by reducing peak travel times and crashes. MDOT looks forward to your involvement in this phase of the project and will continue to keep you informed on the progress.

## Next Steps

MDOT will be hosting the first public meeting virtually using Microsoft Teams Live Event with YouTube streaming to share more information about the US-23 Flex Route Phase 2 study. The meeting will be held at 3 p.m. Monday, July 27. There will be a presentation with an opportunity for questions to follow.

The link to join the meeting is <https://bit.ly/23FlexRoute>.

If you cannot attend the meeting, MDOT will post a recording of the meeting (including the Q&A) on the website and will include information on how to send comments and receive responses until Aug. 10. To accommodate those who lack the technology or access to technology, MDOT can provide the PowerPoint presentation and a transcript for your review and comment. Please contact Monica Monsma at [MonsmaM@Michigan.gov](mailto:MonsmaM@Michigan.gov).



**Project Study Area**

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