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VAN BUREN TOWNSHIP DDA ANNOUNCES CONSTRUCTION OF PEDESTRIAN PATHWAY OVER I-94

Van Buren Township (June 2018) – The Van Buren Township Downtown Development Authority is working in conjunction with the Michigan Department of Transportation to construct a pedestrian overpass along the east side of Belleville Road over I-94.

Ensuring pedestrian safety was the catalyst for this project. The new overpass will improve connectivity between the north and south sides of the business district by providing Van Buren Township residents and visitors with a reliable way to navigate over I-94 by foot or bicycle. Through TAP grant funding, the Van Buren Township DDA was able to secure nearly \$500,000 to aide in the cost of construction.

Construction is scheduled to begin July 16, 2018 and expected to be completed in November 2018. No detours are anticipated with this project, although motorists should expect off-peak lane closures during the construction phase. Construction updates will be posted to the [DDA's website](#), the [DDA Facebook page](#) and the [Van Buren Township website](#).

Continued improvement of pedestrian and bicycle access to the business district is a priority of the Van Buren Township Downtown Development Authority. The DDA is pleased to be working with MDOT on this overpass project to connect residential neighborhoods with the downtown area.

Van Buren Township is conveniently located just off I-94, at the heart of commuter travel patterns. The community and its Belleville Road Shopping Corridor are a convenient stop for travelers on their way to Detroit, Ann Arbor and many places in between. The Van Buren Township DDA has welcomed a plethora of new restaurants, stores and shops to their growing business district and the organization looks forward to this partnership with the Michigan Department of Transportation to support improvements throughout the community. For more information on the Van Buren Township DDA, visit VanBurenDDA.com.

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