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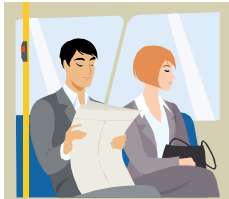
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Construction Season Begins!

Yes, it is that time of year again. Most of you have probably noticed, that construction season is in full swing along the highways, major transportation corridors, and side streets. US-127 has lane closures and repair work, so if you have not done so yet, you may want to find a detour route or consider sharing the ride and encourage your friends, co-workers, and others to do so as well. By having less single-occupant-vehicles (SOVs) on our roadways, we can all help alleviate congestion, resulting in less emissions and smoother traffic flow.

Other traffic alerts include:

- Resurfacing of I-96 from College Rd to Lansing Rd, anticipated to start in May. The resurfacing will also include ramp improvements.
- The bridge from southbound US 127 ramp to eastbound I-96 is scheduled to start mid-April. One lane will be maintained at all times for this ramp, as the bridge will be constructed part width.
- Near the downtown Lansing area, Saginaw Street will be reduced to two lanes of traffic from Prudden St. to Pennsylvania Ave. for Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) work.
- CSO Construction will also include other road or lane closures throughout Lansing, including Northbound MLK Blvd. by Kelsey St.



Clean Commute Options and MDOT are encouraging people to sign up for e-mail alerts to get the most up-to-date information on lane closures. Motorists can subscribe to US-127/I-496/I-96 e-mail alerts through the MDOT Web site at www.michigan.gov/mdot. Or you can go to the list of statewide lane closures at www.michigan.gov/drive. For more information on alternate routes and your bus, biking, and carpool options for construction season, visit www.cata.org or call Clean Commute Options directly for alternate routes at 393-7433 (RIDE).

Featured Commuter of the Month

Margaret began clean commuting long before “green” living, sustainability, or the term “carbon footprint” became popular phrases. She is a commuter who has been using CATA bus service since the 60’s for her trips to work, shopping, visiting family & friends, and other activities around town.

Margaret’s bus commute from her home averages about 10 minutes long and her primary routes include Rte #13 and Rte #1. By riding the bus instead of choosing to drive her own car, she is not only able to save money on gas and parking at the various locations she works downtown, but she is also able to work puzzles.

“I often bring Sudoku or a crossword to do which allows me to do something I enjoy, without feeling like I am wasting precious time out of my already busy schedule. Also, by doing the puzzles it makes my commute less stressful than it would be if I watched the minutes tick by on the clock if the bus is running late - which is rare!” states Margaret.

The main reason this “Clean Commuter” decided to start using CATA was mainly because of the convenience. Plus she enjoys seeing all of the cross-sections of people who ride CATA.

“I see the state workers, school children curling up for a nap before their day starts, college students, families, and others. There is even a regular group of state workers who have their morning social gathering on their ride to work every morning. It’s nice to hear people calling each other by first name and sharing their family or other life stories, with those they ride with every day.” reports Margaret.

However, as the weather is warming up, watch out! This commuter also enjoys another form of clean commuting. If it is a nice day outside, you may just see her getting off a stop or two earlier, or walking the complete route to work and other destinations, to enjoy the sunshine and fresh air. Happy commuting!



Clinton-Ionia-Shiawassee (CIS) County Trail

The Clinton-Ionia-Shiawassee ("CIS") Trail is a former rail corridor, 41.3 miles long, and runs from the west side of Owosso to the east side of Ionia. The rail corridor was purchased by the State of Michigan as a non-motorized trail connection between mid-Michigan communities and beyond. It provides a place for the public to participate in safe, healthy transportation and multi-use recreational activities.

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The CIS Planning Group is in the early stages of planning for the design and development of the CIS Trail, and is seeking **YOUR** input to help them determine goals for visitor use and trail development. Last week they held two open houses, one in Clinton County and one in Shiawassee County, as well as using the "Annual Meeting of The Friends" group in Ionia last Wednesday as a forum for seeking input from citizens.

You are invited to share what your hopes are for the trail, your concerns about trail use and development, your ideas for special places along the corridor. What kind of uses do you think the trail should or should not be used for? What kind of surface would you like to see? What kind of events would you like to see on the trail? What kind of signage? How far apart should rest stops occur? Where do you think parking should be - in the villages and cities, or in rural areas? What are your concerns about the trail, etc.?

Please send your comments to DNR-RTS@michigan.gov. This should be done as quickly as possible because results are being compiled this next week!

Additional planning process information will soon be available at www.michigan.gov/dnr.

*What comes only once in a
minute, twice in a moment, but never in a thousand years?*

Look for more puzzles to enjoy for your commute in future issues

Other Alternative Transportation Providers

CATA: 517-394-1000

MichiVan: 800-VAN-RIDE

EATRAN: 517-543-3040

Clinton Transit: 800-800-5938

TCBA: www.biketcba.org



Carpools Looking for More Riders



- Ann Arbor-Lansing
- Ann Arbor-East Lansing/MSU
- Brighton-MSU
- Charlotte-Lansing
- Corunna/Bancroft-Lansing
- Durand/Corunna-Lansing
- Durand/Perry-MSU
- Jackson-Lansing
- Eaton Rapids-Lansing
- Eaton Rapids-East Lansing/MSU
- Jackson-East Lansing
- Lowell/Ada-Lansing
- Novi-Lansing
- Owosso-East Lansing/MSU
- Owosso-Lansing
- Portland/Eagle-West Lansing
- Portland/Ionia/Eagle-MSU
- Saginaw/Flint-East Lansing/MSU
- Spring Arbor/Jackson-Lansing

Vanpools Looking for More Riders

- Ann Arbor-Lansing
- Brighton-Lansing
- Canton-Lansing
- Grand Rapids-Lansing
- Highland/Novi/Brighton-Lansing
- Howell-Lansing
- Ionia/Saranac-Lansing
- Jackson-Lansing
- Lapeer-Flint
- Lennon/Flint-Lansing
- Milford/Southfield-Lansing

Contact Clean Commute Options by calling (517) 393-7433 or email cleancommute@cata.org for more information on how to join these carpools.