Cass Road Bridge & Boardman Dam Removal

FAQ Bridge Construction and Dam Removal

How will traffic be disrupted?
There will be two major closures of Cass Road where it crosses the Boardman River in Garfield Township – just west of the intersection of Cass Rd and Keystone Rd. The first closure started Monday, March 28, 2016 and is expected to last through Wednesday, August 31, 2016. During this time, the intersection at Cass Rd and Keystone Rd will also temporarily close. The second major closure will occur in 2017. For more information, contact the Grand Traverse County Road Commission (gtcrc.org).

Will there be construction noise and dust during bridge construction?
Yes, there will be construction noise and dust consistent with typical road and bridge construction projects. Dust may occur with trucks entering and exiting the construction project and will be controlled according to Grand Traverse County Soil Erosion & Sedimentation Control requirements. The contractor is responsible for controlling and minimizing dust during construction. Noise will include the sound of heavy equipment and the driving of piles (steel sheets) into the soil to provide support for the bridge.

During bridge construction, how early will crews start in the morning and how late will they work into the evening?
The typical work day for the construction crew is 7am to 7pm 6 days a week with the exception of a few nights of later hours to pour the bridge deck.

What companies will be working on the bridge construction and dam removal?
The Michigan Department of Transportation contracted with Davis Construction, Inc., a Lansing-based company, for the bridge construction. Davis Construction is a family owned and operated business established in 1970 specializing in the construction of bridges, large civil projects and general contracting. Other subcontractors include Northwest Design Group for construction engineering and Team Elmer’s. Dam removal contractors are expected to be determined in the early fall of 2016.

Why will there be two bridges after August 2016?
The new Cass Road bridge is being built where the river originally flowed. The river’s current position will be moved west under the new Cass Road bridge when partners remove Boardman Dam in 2017. It is safer and more efficient to construct the bridge prior to rerouting of the river beneath it.

Where can the public view construction progress?
During bridge construction, both the Boardman Pond and Beaver Pond trailheads are closed to the public for safety reasons. To view bridge construction, parking is available at the Meadows Pavilion Trailhead with a short walk to where the trail is closed. During dam removal, public access will be available along the Lone Pine Trail. The trail provides a safe place to view work within the former impoundment.

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