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Fast facts:

- M-51 will be detoured at US-12 during bridge demolition.
- The demolition is expected to take three days. The \$27 million investment started in November 2023, with the anticipated completion this October.
- This project will replace the existing US-12/M-51 interchange with a signalized, at-grade intersection with indirect left turns.

KALAMAZOO, Mich. - As part of the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) project to rebuild the [US-12/M-51 interchange in Niles, Berrien County](#), crews will be demolishing the US-12 bridges over M-51 from Thursday, Feb. 1, through Sunday, Feb. 4.

M-51 will be closed nightly at US-12 from 7 p.m. to 7 a.m. for the demolition. Posted detours for M-51 traffic will be on US-12 and M-60 Business Route (Oak Street/Yankee Street).

Once bridge removal is completed, work will continue on the US-12 corridor to build the new US-12/M-51 intersection. This \$27 million investment includes [removing the US-12 bridges and ramps at M-51](#) and replacing the interchange with a signalized, at-grade intersection and indirect left turns, or [Michigan Lefts](#). The project includes repaving and rebuilding 1 mile of US-12 and 2.7 miles of M-51, concrete pavement repairs, sidewalk construction, new traffic signals, pavement markings, and new signs.

Based on economic modeling, this investment is expected to directly and indirectly support 383 jobs.

Stay focused and safe! Slow down, stay alert, and give plows room to work.