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Traverse City. During the next four days the M-72 and Lautner Road Project will be finishing the final stage of paving. This stage will include several traffic shifts and one day of flag control. The following is the projected traffic control plan for September 25 thru September 28.

- Friday, September 25, east and westbound traffic will be shifted to the north two lanes with free flowing traffic in both directions, while paving takes place on the south two lanes.

- Saturday, September 26, east and westbound traffic will be maintained on the north two lanes with flag control at the east end of the project, east of Lautner Road, for most of the day. This will facilitate final paving at the east end of the project.

- Sunday, September 27, east and westbound traffic will be shifted to the south two lanes with free flowing traffic in both directions, while paving takes place on the north two lanes.

- Monday, September 28, westbound traffic will be shifted north of the median and eastbound traffic will remain south of the median through the conclusion of the project, while shoulders and driveway approaches are finished.

Following this weekend’s paving, the project will be maintained as a construction zone with free flowing traffic eastbound and westbound until final street lighting is installed at the roundabouts. Lautner Road will continue to be closed to thru traffic while access for residents and businesses along Lautner Road will be maintained. The M-72 and Lautner Road Project is anticipated to be completed toward the end of October, 2015.

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