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Area Road Construction Projects May Mean A Longer Trip To The Airport

The arrival of the summer travel season is accompanied by the beginning of several significant road construction projects on the roadways leading to Gerald R. Ford International Airport. This will likely mean that roads will be busier than normal and traffic back-ups may be quite lengthy. Two projects that will have significant impact on roadway arrivals and departures at GFIA are the widening of 36th St. at Patterson Ave. and the resurfacing of Patterson Ave. from 36th St. to 44th St. Also, the 36th St. off-ramp from I-96 will be closed during this time requiring drivers to choose either exit 43 for westbound 28th St. (to northbound Patterson Ave.) or exit 46 for westbound M-6 (to exit 15 for northbound M-37). These projects are scheduled for completion by the end of July.

As such, **airport travelers and greeters should plan extra time for travel to and from the airport.** For those departing from GFIA, remember that you should be at the airport 90 minutes before departure and must be at the gate 30 minutes before departure.

For up-to-date information on these and other area road construction projects, visit the Kent County Road Commission website at www.kentcountyroads.net.

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