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The Blade's Road Warrior advises readers each Friday where the biggest driving headaches will be throughout the construction season. He'll tell you the locations to avoid and the detours to take.

Welcome back to another season of construction advisories! While this is not expected to be a particularly brutal year for orange barrels and detours, there still should be plenty to keep an eye out for — and if you can plan ahead, sometimes avoid the trouble entirely.

The repaving of Monroe Street (State Rt. 51) between Talmadge Road and U.S. 23 is likely to rank among this year's most disruptive projects, and it's scheduled to get going Sunday night.

The first phase will be between Talmadge and Whiteford Road. If you don't live nearby or have business to conduct along that part of Monroe, you'll be wise to avoid it, especially during rush hours. But you may have a lot of company if you use Whiteford or Corey roads to reach Sylvania Avenue as an eastbound alternate route, so you may be better off taking Alexis east

to southbound Talmadge.

Westbound, Sylvania to Whitford will probably be the best way around this project until the work moves farther west on Monroe.

1. I-75: Southbound right lane closed from Ohio-Michigan border to I-280. Alexis ramp to southbound I-75 closes Monday for two weeks. Detour up to Exit 5 in Michigan or use the Ottawa River Road entrance instead. Northbound right lane closed near Ottawa River through today.

2. State Rt. 51 (Monroe Street): Full-time lane closings, Talmadge to Whiteford, start at 8 p.m. Sunday.

3. U.S. 20: Occasional flag zones and side-road detours required for widening project, Woodville to State Rt. 420.

4. Lemoyne Road: Closed at Curtice for intersection work. Use I-280 interchange connectors instead.

5. I-280: Occasional nighttime lane closings, Curtice to Navarre. Pickle Road closed at I-280.

6. U.S. 20 (Reynolds Road): Lane closings possible between Heatherdowns and Glendale.

7. Lagrange Street: Closed at the Ottawa River. Ramp from southbound I-75 closed. Use Phillips instead.

8. State Rt. 64: Closed indefinitely between State Rts. 65 and 582.

9. I-280: Varying lane and ramp closings on Veterans' Glass City Skyway early next week during bridge inspections.

10. State Rts. 65, 582: Flag zones on Route 65 between Grand Rapids and Route 64, and between State Rts. 65 and 25 on Route 582.

OFF THE MAP

I-75: Closed in Detroit between Clark and Rosa Parks. Use I-275 or Southfield and I-94 instead.

State Rt. 163: Port Clinton drawbridge closed to motor traffic through April 20. Use State Rt. 2 instead.

State Rt. 281: Closed between State Rt. 199 and Portage View Road in Wood County. Detour via State Rt. 25, U.S. 6, and State Rt. 199.

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