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Area road construction, campus parking update, and building name changes for fall 2015

Fall 2015 classes at Oakland University begin on Thursday, Sept. 3, and the campus community is looking forward to an exciting and successful year to come. There is much to look forward to, and also a number of matters for students, faculty and staff to be aware of as the new academic year begins. To ensure that everyone's first weeks on campus progress as smoothly as possible, please familiarize yourself with the following information.

AREA ROAD CONSTRUCTION

Reconstruction of the University Drive, I-75 interchange is in full swing and expected to continue throughout the remainder of 2015.

Presently, northbound I-75 commuters are able to exit at University only to head eastbound toward campus. Commuters should be aware that the Michigan Department of Transportation will close one of the two northbound lanes through September, which is likely to result in travel delays during heavy traffic periods.

Southbound I-75 commuters can exit at University only to head westbound, away from campus. Drivers heading westbound on University Drive toward I-75 can merge onto the expressway only to head north. There is no through traffic on University over I-75.

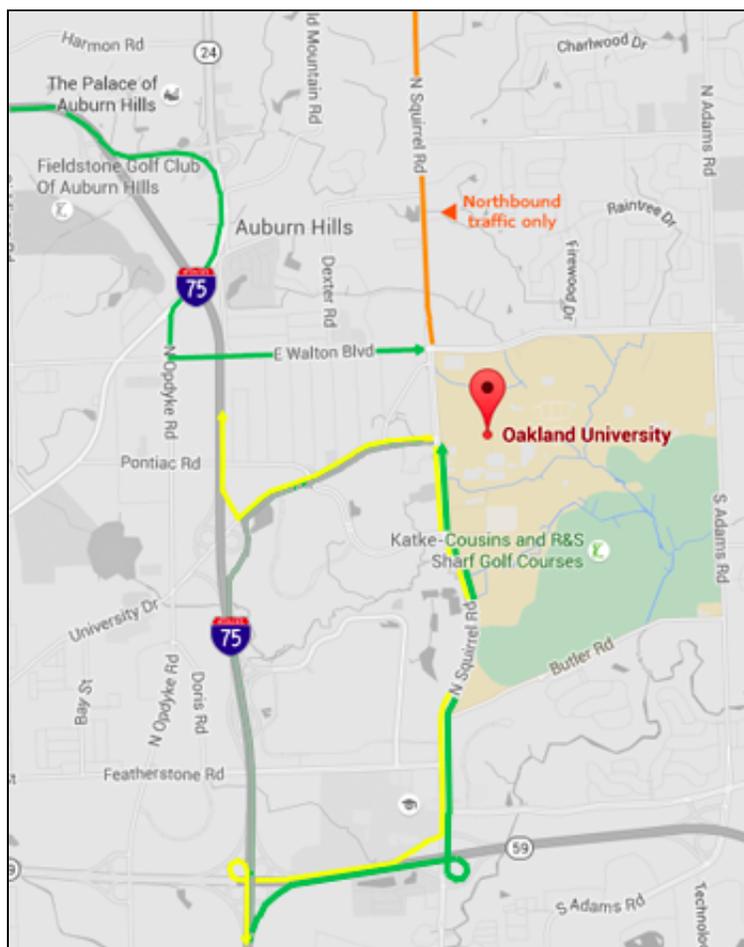
Commuters coming to campus from the north via southbound I-75 are advised to exit at M-24 (Lapeer Road) and head south, remain in the left lanes to merge onto Opdyke Road, and then turn left at Walton Blvd. to head east toward campus.

Commuters coming to campus from the south via northbound I-75 and looking to avoid travel delays are advised to exit I-75 at M-59 eastbound, continue on M-59 to Squirrel Road northbound, and then follow Squirrel road to campus.

Commuters leaving campus and looking to use I-75 southbound are advised to head south on Squirrel Road to M-59, head west on M-59 and then exit at the southbound I-75 ramp.

Another area construction project to keep in mind is the **reconstruction of Squirrel Road** between Walton and Dutton. Only northbound traffic heading away from campus is permitted while the project continues.

Additional information on these projects can be found on the [City of Auburn Hills website](#).



REOPENING OF MEADOW BROOK ROAD

Reconstruction of the culvert under Meadow Brook Road between Hamlin Circle and George T. Matthews Apartments is complete and the road is open.

OVERNIGHT PARKING ON CAMPUS

Designated overnight parking lots on campus include:

- the Ann V. Nicholson Student Apartments parking lot;

- the George T. Matthews Apartments parking lot;
- the P5 and P11 parking lots;
- portions of the P1, P3, and P16 parking lots designated by green striping, and;
- all covered spaces in the P29 and P32 parking structures.

IMPORTANT NOTES:

- No overnight parking will be permitted on the top levels of the P29 and P32 parking structures
- Parking spaces on the covered levels of the P29 and P32 parking structures will not be designated by green striping, but are nonetheless available for overnight use.
- The Oakland University Police Department will strictly enforce overnight and all other parking and traffic ordinances.

CAMPUS COMMUTING TIPS

The best way for campus commuters to minimize delays and frustration is to stay informed. University staff and students will assist campus community members with parking and traffic questions in two strategically located information tents during the first week of the fall 2015 term.

Additionally, the following tips may be useful:

- View current campus and Bear Bus route maps at oakland.edu/map.
- Visit oakland.edu/parking for up-to-date information on parking, as well as police enforcement of parking and driving regulations.
- Learn about and download the Bear Bus tracking app at oakland.edu/bearbus/mobile.
- Get involved during **Welcome Week**.

As always, the university encourages commuters to leave early to get to class or work on time, to carpool when possible, to walk or bicycle rather than drive when moving about campus, and to avoid combing high-demand parking lots to find open spaces.

BUILDING NAME CHANGES

Dodge Hall of Engineering is now simply **Dodge Hall (DH)** and, likewise, Hannah Hall of Science is now simply **Hannah Hall (HH)**. The most notable name change involves the former Science and Engineering Building, which is now the **Mathematics and Science Center (MSC)**.

