How Will We Keep Motorists Informed?

For up-to-date information on this project, go to the list of statewide lane closures at: www.michigan.gov/drive.

Scan this code with your smartphone for a direct link to the project website.

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For More Information

Call the Ishpeming Transportation Service Center at:
888-920-6368

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Preventive Maintenance

Portage Lake Lift Bridge
Houghton County

Construction and Motorist Information

December 2014 - April 2016
**What Is Being Done?**
The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) will perform upgrades and major preventive maintenance work on the Portage Lake Lift Bridge between Houghton and Hancock. This $5.5 million project includes lift cable replacement, balance chain maintenance, electrical and mechanical upgrades, security system improvements, spot painting, and new barrier gates.

**When Will This Be Done?**
The project is scheduled to begin in mid-December 2014 and be completed in mid-April 2016.

**How Will Traffic Be Affected?**
Bridge traffic may be reduced to one lane in each direction for most of the project lifespan.
The project will require several long-term nighttime closures of the bridge and numerous short-term closures:
- A 10-hour nighttime closure is planned for Jan. 17, 2015
- An 11.5-hour nighttime closure is planned for March 21, 2015
- Sixteen two-hour nighttime closures are planned from January through April 2015
- Approximately 200 15- to 20-minute daytime and nighttime closures are planned from December 2014 to April 2015

**Long-term Benefits**
This preventive maintenance project will ensure the Portage Lake Lift Bridge remains in excellent operating condition.