PENDING CLOSURES

As work progresses on realigning Douglas Road, two closures are scheduled over the next three months. (See map below.)

- The stretch of Douglas Road between St. Joseph Drive and Wilson Drive will be closed in both directions beginning Tuesday, May 21. This closure will be in effect for approximately 30 days, weather permitting.

- A stretch of Juniper Road south of Welworth Avenue will be closed in both directions beginning Monday, July 8. This closure will be in effect for approximately 30 days, weather permitting.

In order to maintain a safe construction environment, pedestrian and bicyclist access will also be prohibited along the routes during the scheduled closure times.

WHY IS THIS PROJECT IMPORTANT TO THE UNIVERSITY?

Students, faculty, staff and visitors to the University will gain several benefits from the realignment of Douglas Road.

The project’s greatest impact is enhanced safety for motorists, pedestrians and bicyclists. Improved safety conditions will be evident in several areas:

- Currently, motorists exiting from the Indiana Toll Road to travel south to Douglas Road must cross multiple lanes of traffic, often heavy, within a short distance. The new configuration will provide easier, more direct access to/from Douglas Road and the Toll Road.

- There is considerable campus pedestrian and vehicle traffic crossing Douglas Road at Juniper Road from St. Michael’s Laundry, Mason Services Center, Landscape Services and the Food Services Support Facility. The new Douglas Road configuration will greatly reduce the volume of traffic traveling west of this intersection to improve the pedestrian crossing there.

- For pedestrians or bicyclists, new trails will connect to existing biking/walking paths, creating a 10-foot-wide trail around the northern perimeter of the University. The trail will also connect to additional campus exercise trails and the Indiana-Michigan River Valley Trail. These bike trails are separated from the vehicular travel lanes of the road.

Additional benefits include:

- Consolidating 120 acres of University-owned property for future development.

- An opportunity to beautify a newly created western entrance to the community at the intersection of Douglas Road, the Toll Road and State Road 933.

WHEN WILL THE REALIGNMENT BE COMPLETE?

The realigned Douglas Road is expected to open in mid to late August.