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## **North Half of Forest Hill and Burton Intersection to be Closed Beginning Friday, Aug. 9**

**Kentwood, Michigan, Aug. 8, 2019** – As part of the next phase of work to rebuild the intersection of Forest Hill Avenue SE and Burton Street SE, the north half of the Forest Hill and Burton intersection will be closed beginning Friday, Aug. 9.

The closure, which will remain until the completion of the project in August, means commuters will not have access to Forest Hill Avenue from the south end of the street. Instead, commuters will need to take a detour from East Paris Avenue to Cascade Road. Traffic delays should be anticipated.

“We recognize this closure is an inconvenience, but it is necessary in order for the contractor to be able to complete the work prior to when area schools are back in session,” said City Engineer Dan VanderHeide. “In addition, the upgrades at the intersection of Burton and Forest Hill, including new right turn lanes for Forest Hill and a new traffic signal, will reduce congestion and new pavement will mean major work to the intersection will not be necessary for many years.”

Detours will be posted and electronic sign boards are in place to give commuters of the major change in traffic. Commuters can also receive updates via the City’s social media channels ([Facebook](#), [Twitter](#)) and website. For more information, including a map of 2019 street resurfacing and repairs, visit [www.kentwood.us](http://www.kentwood.us).

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