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Water Main Break on 44th Street Closes Eastbound Lanes Between Walnut Hills and Walma Avenue in Kentwood

Kentwood, Michigan, May 13, 2020 – Crews in Kentwood are working to repair a water main break in front of Crestwood Middle School that has closed both eastbound lanes of 44th Street between Walnut Hills and Walma Avenue.

Traffic is being shifted to maintain one lane in each direction on the westbound side between Walnut Hills and Walma Avenue only. All traffic heading west on 44th Street approaching the site is being detoured north on Shaffer, west on 32nd and then back south on Breton. Traffic heading south on Shaffer will only be able to turn east onto 44th Street.

All drivers, but especially large trucks, are asked to avoid the area if possible.

Though unrelated, the water main break is within a construction zone for a street resurfacing project for 44th Street from Breton to Shaffer. While that project is underway, traffic had been shifted one lane in each direction on the eastbound side. Outside of the area impacted by the water main break, traffic continues one way each direction on the eastbound side only.

The water main break repair is expected to be completed this evening. Crews anticipate they will be able to reopen the lanes by 5 p.m. Thursday, May 14.

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