

## What's Happening?

Downtown Cadillac is getting a facelift. Thanks to a partnership developed between the Michigan Department of Transportation and the City of Cadillac, the Cadillac Mitchell Street Improvement Project is here.

Approximately \$6 million will be invested to revitalize Cadillac's downtown area, with improvements all along a 1.5 mile stretch of Mitchell Street (also known as US 131 BR) from Maple Hill Cemetery to River Street.

Improvements scheduled to be made include street reconstruction and resurfacing, new landscaping and banners, sidewalk bump-outs, enhanced pedestrian crosswalks, improved signalization, and replacing underground utilities.

The Mitchell Street Improvements will make downtown Cadillac a more attractive and walkable place for families to enjoy. The developments will enhance Cadillac's "Lakeside District."

All downtown businesses will be open, with many participating in special customer events and promotions during the construction. Log onto [ww.downtowncadillac.com](http://ww.downtowncadillac.com) for special events and information.

***Mitchell Street will remain open and accessible*** during the improvement project, with sections reduced to two-lane traffic as necessary. The only exception to this rule is an April 6 to May 8 (weather dependent) closure, between Granite and Chapin Streets, when repairs are made to underground utilities and the railroad crossing. During this time, through traffic will be rerouted to nearby side streets, all of which provide easy access to downtown. Local traffic will be allowed to access businesses in this area as necessary. The project is expected to wrap up by mid-fall, with minimal landscaping work saved for Spring, 2010.