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Traffic barriers line U.S. 12 through downtown Jonesville. COREY MURRAY/HILLSDALE DAILY NEWS

Jonesville’s plans for U.S. 12 road diet are underway

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USA TODAY NETWORK

JONESVILLE — Orange barrels and traffic control devices now line U.S. 12 through downtown Jonesville as work to overhaul the highway and implement a traffic calming project gets underway.

The city of Jonesville’s traffic calming project, commonly known as a road diet, will completely re-envision the downtown corridor, make the street safer for pedestrian crossings, and allow traffic to and from downtown businesses to safely turn into a business drive.

Efforts began in 2023 when a few

business owners in downtown Jonesville began asking about a traffic calming possibility. After a study was commissioned, the city began working with the Michigan Department of Transportation to pair road diet efforts with existing plans to resurface U.S. 12 from Evergreen Estates to Concord Road this summer.

The project scope includes repairing city sidewalks, removing old brick pavers, planting new trees, painting light fixtures, improving street crossings and adding bike lanes to U.S. 12.

U.S. 12 from the Jonesville Middle School to M-99 will be reduced from four lanes to three with a center turn lane.

U.S. 12 on both the east and west side of Jonesville is a two-lane highway.

The road diet effort is being supported by a \$800,000 federal Transportation Alternatives Program grant with a \$485,000 local match.

Plans to implement a similar road diet in downtown Hillsdale on M-99 have been met with heavy opposition and critiques in a project that has since stalled. If approved, Hillsdale’s own road diet plans will be implemented parallel to MDOT’s paving project for M-99 scheduled for 2027.

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New GOP law will likely boost costs for insurers

States struggle with work verification protocols

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NEW YORK – President Donald Trump’s spending law is set to raise administrative costs and make managing costs more difficult for insurers such as UnitedHealthcare and CVS Health’s Aetna that operate Medicaid health plans, experts say.

As a result, those insurers will likely pull back their Medicaid coverage and invest more in existing markets to retain their healthier members, experts said.

States contract with insurers, including UnitedHealth Group’s UnitedHealthcare, CVS Health’s Aetna, Centene and Molina, to operate Medicaid plans that are jointly funded by state

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Powell asks for inspector general review of project

Howard Schneider
REUTERS

WASHINGTON – Federal Reserve Chair Jerome Powell has asked the U.S. central bank’s inspector general to review the costs involved in the renovation of its historic headquarters in Washington, as Trump administration officials intensify their criticism of how the Fed is being run. The request to Fed Inspector General Michael Horowitz, first reported by Axios, was made over



Powell

the weekend, according to a source familiar with the matter.

It follows a letter to Powell last week from Office of Management and Budget Director Russell Vought, who wrote that President Donald Trump was “extremely troubled” by cost overruns in the \$2.5 billion project. In material

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The Marriner S. Eccles Federal Reserve Board building is in the midst of renovations to restore the nearly 100-year-old building, although the cost is being criticized by the Trump administration. SARAH SILBINGER/REUTERS



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