



I-275 METRO TRAIL

GRAND RE-OPENING

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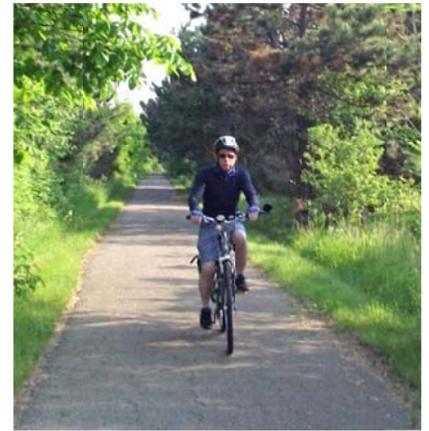
On Saturday, June 4th, the north 20 miles of the I-275 Metro Trail from Meadowbrook Road in the City of Novi to Michigan Avenue in Canton Township was officially re-opened with ceremonies held at a rest area between Cherry Hill Road and Michigan Avenue. The Trail, built in the 1970s adjacent to the I-275 freeway, was in disrepair and the Michigan Department of Transportation has now completed a several million dollar rebuilding of the northern portion of the trail. Riders using the trail can view wooded areas, wetlands, parks, commercial areas and residential neighborhoods. They can take the trail to the Hines Park Trail and pedal to Greenfield Village or to the new Lower Huron Parkway trail. When the rebuilding of all 40 miles of the Trail is complete, the Trail will connect Novi with Monroe County and several Metro parks. The Grand Re-Opening event included a band, trail activities, side trips, speeches by State and local officials and trail advocates along with a ribbon cutting. Over 50 people attended the ceremony. The 41.5 mile round trip took Mark Spencer about 3 ½ hours of riding time at an average speed of 11.5 miles per hour.



Start of I-275 Metro Trail in Novi



Way finding signs along the Trail



Biker Mark Spencer on the Trail



Novi residents at event registration



Re-Opening ceremony at Cherry Hill rest area Canton Twp.



Ribbon cutting at the rest area