I-65 Central CORRIDOR

I-65 CLOSURE IN LOUISVILLE

DETOUR INFORMATION | SUMMER 2026

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

- I-65 is scheduled to close between the Watterson Expressway (I-264) and downtown Louisville (Jefferson Street) on **Monday, June 1** and reopen on **Saturday, Aug. 1**.
- The two-month closure saves at least a year of additional restrictions and construction delays.
- During the closure, the I-65 bridges crossing Kentucky Street/Brook Street, Hill Street/CSX Railroad/Burnett Avenue, and Bradley Avenue near the fairgrounds will be replaced.

Team Kentucky is investing in a better I-65 with a scheduled, temporary closure that will allow contract crews to accelerate the replacement of three key bridges.

GETTING AROUND DURING THE CLOSURE

- Through traffic will be detoured to I-264 (Georgia Davis Powers Expressway) on the west side of Louisville.
- Traffic accessing downtown Louisville will use the Jefferson Street exit from southbound I-65.
- Traffic leaving downtown will use the ramp from East Liberty Street to access northbound I-65.
- Some ramps to and from I-264 (Watterson Expressway) are being temporarily widened to help accommodate additional traffic during the closure.

IMPROVEMENTS BEING MADE

- The old bridges will be removed, and new bridges will be built in their place.
- Sidewalks will be reconstructed and improved, and modernized lighting will be added under and adjacent to the new bridges.
- The bridges were built in the late 1950's as part of the original construction of the interstate and have reached the end of their service life. Ongoing maintenance has kept them safe for travel, and replacing them will ensure long-term reliability.
- The new bridges will have a service life of 75 years and serve the community for decades to come.

WHEN THE CLOSURE ENDS, I-65 WILL BE OPEN TO TWO LANES OF TRAFFIC.

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