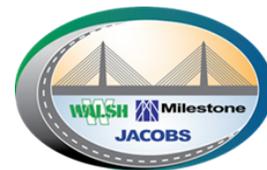




THE OHIO RIVER BRIDGES DOWNTOWN CROSSING



Downtown Crossing Annual Construction Guide

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The Home Stretch



This is the final year of construction on the Downtown Crossing portion of the Louisville-Southern Indiana Ohio River Bridges Project. The Downtown Crossing includes the new Abraham Lincoln Bridge, a revamped Kennedy Bridge and improved interstate connections on both sides of the Ohio River. By the end of this year, the project will be complete and drivers in the area will be enjoying a faster and safer commute.



2015 ended with a flourish with the new Downtown bridge getting a name, an estimated 50,000 people attending the Walk the Bridge celebration to mark the completion of the Abraham Lincoln Bridge and the bridge opening to two-way traffic.

2016 will be a busy, final year with workers with Walsh Construction focusing their attention on completing interstate connections and making major improvements to the John F. Kennedy Memorial Bridge. The finish line is in sight.

Downtown Louisville

The biggest and most complicated portion of the Downtown Crossing is rebuilding the Kennedy Interchange. The work started in the summer of 2013 and will be complete at the end of this year. Crews are untangling the many weaves of “Spaghetti Junction” where I-65, I-64 and I-71 come together. Improvements will eliminate tight curves and short merges. New ramps are separating traffic and creating longer, safer merges. Much of this year’s work will focus on I-64 East and I-64 West.

2016 Traffic Highlights

Spring

- New ramp from Muhammad Ali Boulevard to I-65 North opens.
- New ramp from Story Avenue to I-64 West opens.

Summer

- New ramp from Story Avenue to I-65 North/I-65 South opens.

Fall

- New ramp from I-65 South to I-64 West opens.
- New ramp from I-65 South to I-64 East/I-71 North opens.

Late 2016

- Ramp from I-64 East to I-65 North opens.
- Traffic moves to final configuration.



Kennedy Bridge



By the numbers

- 250,000 square-foot deck
- More than 3.5 million pounds of structural steel
- More than 2.6 million pounds of reinforcing steel
- More than 5,700 cubic yards of concrete

With the Abraham Lincoln Bridge open to two-way traffic, the focus on the river has shifted to major improvements to the John F. Kennedy Memorial Bridge.



A new floor system is being installed, with all new stringers, bearings and diaphragms the length of the bridge. More than 3.5 million pounds of old steel are being removed, with new steel installed.

A new approach to I-65 South (Indiana approach) is also being built. The work includes the complete removal of the existing approach. The new approach includes 4.1 million pounds of new steel beams and 2,100 cubic yards of new concrete.

The improvements should add decades to the life of the 52-year old bridge.

2016 Traffic Highlights

Fall

- The Kennedy Bridge reopens to I-65 South traffic, restoring access to I-64 West, I-64 East and I-71 North.

Late 2016

- Remaining lanes of the Kennedy Bridge open to traffic.
- The Kennedy Bridge will carry six lanes of I-65 South traffic, and the Lincoln Bridge will carry six lanes of I-65 North traffic.





Southern Indiana

2016 Traffic Highlights

Spring

- New ramp from Court Avenue to I-65 South opens to traffic.
- Ninth Street reopens to traffic.

Summer

- Sixth Street opens to traffic.
- Work is complete on 10th Street.

Fall

- I-65 South traffic moves to the Kennedy Bridge.

Late 2016

- Lane restrictions end on I-65 (from the Lincoln and Kennedy bridges to Brown's Station Way).
- Lane restrictions end on Court Avenue.

Crews will spend 2016 rebuilding new lanes of I-65 South to connect to the improved Kennedy Bridge, along with completing work on improved local roadways. New overpasses and ramps are being built to accommodate the six lanes of I-65 South traffic the Kennedy Bridge will be carrying by the end of the year. Final paving and striping will be complete by the end of the year.





Downtown Crossing

- New Abraham Lincoln Bridge, improved Kennedy Bridge and interstate connections
- Construction started in July 2013
- Substantial completion in December 2016
- Nearly \$1.3 billion project
- Nearly 700 workers
- More than 60 new overpasses and bridges

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