



**TDOT**  
Department of  
Transportation

# I-65 Widening in Davidson & Sumner County

**May 2026**

## **Project Description:**

The Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT) is constructing improvements to Interstate 65 from Nashville to the Kentucky state line. The improvements include widening approximately 25.8 miles in Davidson, Robertson, and Sumner counties. The planned widening will address congestion, improve safety and traffic operations, and accommodate current and future traffic demands.

Construction on Phase 3 began March 28, 2025. Beyond the corridor-wide six-lane widening, this work will also include:

- The replacement of bridges over Long Hollow Pike, East Cedar Street, Mansker Creek, and US 31W
- Conversion of the interchanges at US 31W to a Diverging Diamond Interchange
- Auxiliary lanes connecting the Long Hollow Pike and US 31W interchanges
- Construction of eight retaining walls
- Upgraded lighting throughout the project
- Upgrades and additions to SmartWay system



# Interstate 65 Widening Phase 3

Highway 31W / State Route 41 to Rivergate Parkway

Exit 98 to Exit 96



## Community Updates:

Below is an overview of upcoming work and closures associated with the I-65 Widening Project. Separate communications will be distributed regarding scheduled blasting activities and the forthcoming traffic swap. We are providing this information in advance to ensure all affected parties remain informed and prepared.

## Upcoming Work:

### Bridge Demolition

Starting **May 17, through May 18, from 8 p.m - 5 a.m.**, there will be a full closure of the I-65 on-ramp from SR 174 (Long Hollow Pike). A detour will be in place.



## **Blasting**

Starting **May 20**, contractors will begin blasting operations to move forward on the next phase of this interstate widening project. These operations will first occur on the south side “top bench” of this project ([radius map here](#)). Blasts are expected to occur at least two to three times per week for approximately 3 weeks. Blasting on the north side “bottom bench” of this project ([radius map here](#)) will follow. Once drilling operations are underway at the “bottom bench”, blasting operations will alternate daily between the two locations.

Blasts are only permitted on **weekdays between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.** A rolling roadblock on I-65 near mile markers 96 – 99 will be in place in both directions during the blast. Only one blast will occur each day. All blasting will comply with the state fire marshal’s office regulations. More information about blasting can be found on the [Tennessee Department of Commerce & Insurance website](#).

## **Traffic Swap**

Starting **May 26**, contractors will begin shifting traffic onto the newly constructed inside lanes on I-65 southbound from mile marker 96 to 99. This shift is expected to take two nights. Following the shift, nightly lane closures will continue to adjust barrier rail at emergency pull-off locations, install additional signage, and perform striping operations. Motorists are urged to use caution as they navigate the shift.

Remember, all work is weather-dependent. As always, drivers are reminded to allow additional time, slow down, and move over when traveling through a work zone. The Move Over Law was passed in 2006. The penalty for violating the law in Tennessee includes the possibility of up to 30 days in jail and a maximum fine of \$500.

***Have a question? Please don't hesitate to contact me anytime at [Erin.Zeigler@tn.gov](mailto:Erin.Zeigler@tn.gov).***

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