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**I-40 Hernando DeSoto Bridge Repair**

Daily Update

Kiewit Infrastructure Group continues preparing the bridge for phase two work. They are extending the work platform and finalizing design plans. The contractor’s input provides important construct-ability details. In addition, the contractor is working with steel fabricators to determine steel plating availability to provide an expedited fabrication of the phase two components. ArDOT will be resuming bridge inspection activities on the I-40 bridge starting June 1st.

All interstate traffic in the Memphis area is being diverted to I-55. Indications are the restriping project to improve traffic flow at the Crump Interchange is working. In anticipation of increased holiday traffic, we are also installing an additional camera dedicated to monitoring the interchange, and additional message boards are being set up to assist northbound traffic. We are averaging around 67,000 vehicles per day on the I-55 bridge. This volume is generated from a radar station located just off the east side of the bridge.

TDOT HELP trucks are stationed on both sides of the I-55 bridge to respond quickly to any incidents and keep lanes open. Below are direct links to the [TDOT SmartWay](https://smartway.tn.gov/) cameras posted at the east and west approaches of I-55 for live traffic information.

[West Approach to I-55 River Crossing](https://smartway.tn.gov/traffic?features=incident,traffic,messageSign,cameras&position=35.15976118,-90.14262298,14)

[East Approach to the I-55 River Crossing](https://smartway.tn.gov/traffic?features=incident,traffic,messageSign,cameras&position=35.11247994,-90.07716707,15)

Inspectors continue to review the drone footage of the I-55 bridge. So far, there is nothing of concern. A final report could tentatively be available by the end of the week.

We continue to hold daily meetings with ARDOT, our consultants, Tennessee Highway Patrol, Memphis Police Department, and FHWA to develop and expedite the repair project while managing traffic along the alternate routes.

We have a webpage dedicated to the bridge repair. For the daily updates and press releases, click on **Library** from your menu options: <https://www.tn.gov/tdot/projects/region-4/i-40-hernando-desoto-bridge.html>. Also, please follow us on social media for the latest.

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