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**I-40 Hernando DeSoto Bridge Repair**

Daily Update

The contractor is working today to complete the platform extension for phase two repairs. There will not be a lot of activity on the bridge over the holiday weekend. However, behind the scenes, the final design drawings are being completed, and the contractor is sourcing the steel components needed for the repairs, with some materials being delivered next week. ArDOT will also continue its inspection activities.

All interstate traffic in the Memphis area is being diverted to I-55. In anticipation of increased holiday traffic, we are installing an additional camera dedicated to monitoring the Crump 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 are still reviewing hours of drone video and numerous pictures of the I-55 bridge. There continues to be no concern from the inspectors. We will release the final report when available.

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 created a photo album on Facebook called [I-40 Hernando DeSoto Bridge – Memphis, Tennessee](https://www.facebook.com/media/set/?vanity=myTDOT1&set=a.10157986173622551). Everyone has permission to use the pictures. We also 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>. You can expect your next detailed update on Tuesday, after the holiday weekend. We will post any developments about the bridge and traffic on social media. Please follow @myTDOT on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.

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