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**I-40 Hernando DeSoto Bridge Repair**

Daily Update

Contractors are making progress on the phase three repairs. The first five of six plates are set. The remaining ten plates needed for the additional work will be delivered in three shipments. The first is expected tomorrow. 24/7 operations resume this week.

A reminder, we have added two new portable cameras: One to monitor work on the I-40 bridge and one to monitor traffic at the I-55 Crump Interchange.

* <https://smartway.tn.gov/camera/2327>
* <https://smartway.tn.gov/camera/2326>

All interstate traffic in the Memphis area is being diverted to I-55. To help you plan ahead, every Monday, we are posting [estimated average travel delays for the week](https://www.tn.gov/content/dam/tn/tdot/region-4/i-40-hernando-desoto-bridge/7-18%20Memphis%20Bridge%20Travel%20Times.pdf) on our website so you can see which days and times to avoid. You can also view real-time digital message signs alerting you of any incidents.

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)

We are holding 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.

**\*Please note updates are twice a week, Monday and Friday**.\* You can follow @myTDOT on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram for the latest. We continue to update our photo album on Facebook called [I-40 Hernando DeSoto Bridge – Memphis, Tennessee](https://www.facebook.com/media/set/?vanity=myTDOT1&set=a.10157986173622551). We also have a webpage dedicated to the bridge repair. For 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>.

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