



I-255 Jefferson Barracks and Koch Road bridge rehabilitation project

What is the problem?

The Interstate 255 Mississippi River Bridge (the Jefferson Barracks Bridge) is scheduled for significant rehabilitation in 2022 and 2023. This will help ensure that the bridge remains serviceable and in good condition for the foreseeable future. This project has been scheduled for several years, but the intended rehabilitations were upgraded after inspectors noticed issues that concerned them during a routine inspection about two years ago. Crews ensured that the bridge remained safe until a more extensive rehabilitation could be completed.

During the work on the Jefferson Barracks bridge, crews will also rehabilitate the I-255 bridge over Koch Road. This will take advantage of the lane closures required for the Jefferson Barracks work to make needed repairs to bridge over Koch Road to ensure also remains serviceable and in good condition.

What are the expected impacts?

All work is going to require narrowed and shifted lanes. One lane will be closed in each direction around the clock, and the remaining lanes will be narrowed. Crews will close one bridge at a time to work on it, starting with the eastbound bridge, and will shift the traffic from that bridge to the opposing bridge with barrier wall between the eastbound and westbound lanes. Each bridge will be closed for one construction season, starting roughly in March and remaining closed into December. Drivers may want to consider using other crossings (to include the I-64 and MLK crossings) and Interstate 55 during this work to avoid congestion. Between late December 2022 and roughly February 2023, all lanes in both directions should remain open to minimize the potential impact of winter storms on drivers crossing the river.

Koch Road may be reduced by one lane in each direction so crews can work on the bridge.

What are the expected detours?

Although there are no expected full closures of the interstate during the project, drivers may want to consider alternate routes during the work, as congestion levels at the bridge are expected to be high during construction. Drivers may want to consider

When will the project start?

Work is expected to start in spring 2022. Work should be complete by the end of 2023.

What is the timeline?

Conceptual Plans	Fall 2021
Project start	Spring 2022
Eastbound JB Bridge closes	Late spring 2022
Eastbound EB bridge reopens	Late fall 2022
Westbound JB Bridge closes	Spring 2023
Westbound JB bridge reopens	
Construction complete	Late fall 2023