

# INTERSTATE 55 CORRIDOR UPGRADES

## NEWSLETTER



### Bridge Demolitions

Crews finished concrete paving and installing barrier in February in preparation to shift southbound I-55 traffic onto the new median concrete just south of the Quarry Road Bridge. During that time, traffic was shifted onto the new concrete median pavement.

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Travelers on southbound I-55 between Quarry Road Bridge and US 67 are now driving in a temporary condition with narrow lanes and shoulders, on the future inside shoulder lane. This temporary traffic flow has allowed the demolition of the following bridges:

- **Southbound I-55 over US 67 (3/07)**
- **Southbound I-55 over North 3<sup>rd</sup> Street (03/21)**
- **Southbound I-55 over Central Avenue (03/28)**



### Temporary Traffic Conditions

With southbound I-55 traffic shifted off the existing pavement, crews have begun breaking up and removing pavement that will be replaced. Work is underway currently for the new pavement, with new base rock being implemented.

# JOACHIM CREEK

The I-55 bridge framework continues over Joachim Creek. This Spring season, girders, bridge deck panels, and concrete reinforcement were installed.

Work on I-55 is progressing quickly! In March, over 30,000 square yards of concrete pavement was placed in the median between the Quarry Road Bridge and the I-55 bridge over McNutt. Median paving is continuing north of the bridge over Joachim Creek.

Southbound traffic north of McNutt will be moved onto the new concrete median in May. This allows for the demolition of the southbound I-55 bridge over McNutt so new construction can begin and allows for the removal and replacement of southbound pavement south of the Joachim Creek bridge.



## ROUTE Z UPDATE

More work is taking place at the north end of the project. Earthwork in the median is generally complete to north of the I-55 bridge over the BNSF railroad. Bridge work at Route Z has begun with foundation work for the first phase of the bridge construction.

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