



Project Description

The **I-65 Central Corridor Project** is a Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC) initiative to replace and rehabilitate interstate bridges and pavement in a heavily traveled corridor of I-65 between I-264 (Watterson Expressway) and the Muhammad Ali Boulevard interchange in downtown Louisville. This stretch of I-65 supports some of Kentucky's largest employers and major destinations, including UPS, Louisville Muhammad Ali International Airport, Kentucky Fair & Exposition Center, the University of Louisville and LOUMED.

Doing the work as one project will cut down on the frequent closures needed for emergency repairs on these aging bridges.

PROJECT BENEFITS

Why Replace Bridges

- Updates a critical interstate corridor including bridges that are more than 60-years-old and in poor condition.
- Creates a reliable I-65 Corridor that decreases potential unplanned closures, detours, load restrictions and maintenance efforts.

Safety, Efficiency and Mobility

- Improves the conditions of aging bridges and roadways in a heavily traveled corridor.
- Utilizes a coordinated approach to speed construction.

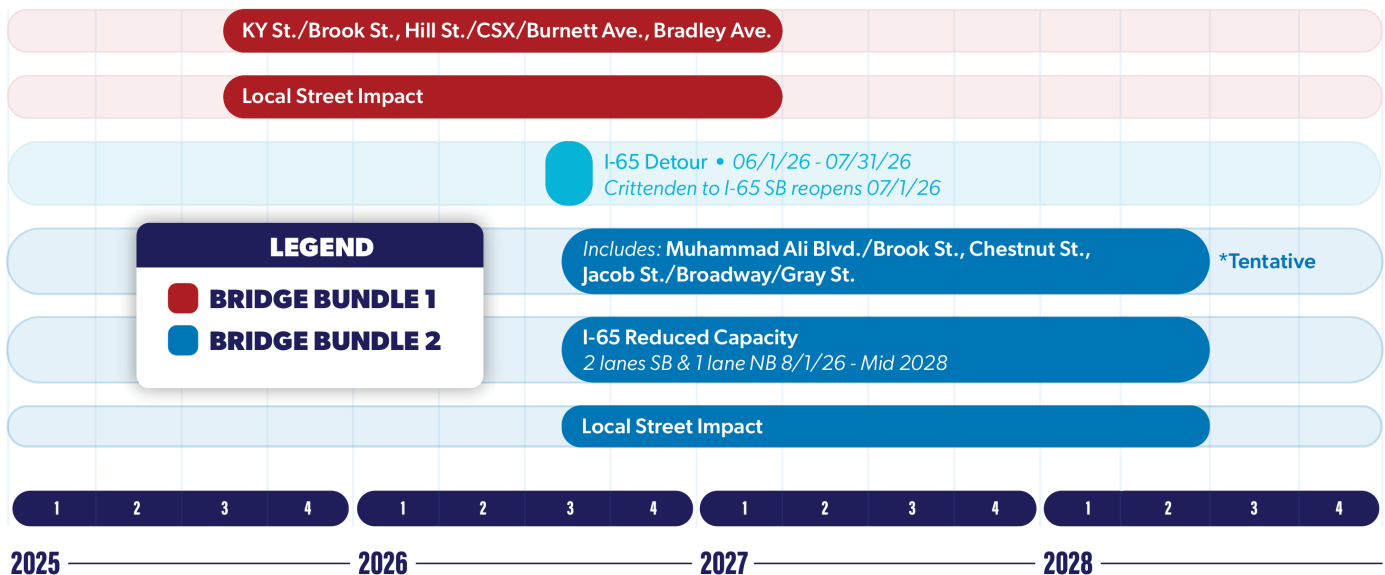
Economic Competitiveness and Opportunity

- Ensures long-term access and mobility in regional corridor for commerce.
- Lessens impact on downtown, hospital district and destinations by reducing construction timeframe.

Current Activity

The **I-65 Central Corridor Project** started replacing a bundle of three deteriorating bridges near downtown Louisville in September 2025. These include bridges over Kentucky and Brooks streets; Hill Street, a CSX rail line and Burnett Avenue; and Bradley Avenue near the fairgrounds. KYTC prioritized these bridges because they are in the worst condition and need to be fully replaced.

Replacement of these bridges requires KYTC to close a section of I-65 during June and July 2026, detouring most interstate traffic. I-65 will reopen with reduced capacity by August 1, 2026. Work on a second bundle of bridges near downtown Louisville will begin in summer 2026. All current work will be completed by mid-2028, leaving new and rehabilitated structures that will last for more than 75 years.



I-65 Tentative Construction Schedule




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