I-270 Detour During W Florissant Ave Bridge Demolition

Motorists should be aware that I-270 North near the W Florissant Ave Bridge will be closed for a bridge demolition starting Friday, April 16 at 9 p.m. until Monday, April 19 at 5 a.m. Motorists are encouraged to use alternate routes. All detours will be marked.

“Our work over the next four months will rebuild West Florissant bridge over I-270. The new bridge will accommodate eight lanes of traffic on West Florissant and include a separate lane for the U-turn movement from eastbound Pershall to westbound Dunn. The U-turn lane allows travelers to avoid signals on West Florissant. The bridge also improves safety for pedestrians and cyclists by adding a sidewalk and an eight foot wide multi-use path to cross I-270,” said Justin Wolf, I-270 North Project Director.

West Florissant Ave Closed at Interstate 270

The new W Florissant Avenue Bridge will be under construction for four months. Motorists are encouraged to use alternate routes during bridge construction. To help motorists navigate travel, interactive detour maps are available on the project's home page.

To stay updated on the status of this closure and to view a project overview and graphic displays of planned construction, please visit the I-270 North Project website at: www.i270north.org. Travelers can also contact MoDOT’s customer service center at 1-314-275-1500 or the I-270 North Project Team at i270North@modot.mo.gov.

Learn more about the I-270 North Project at www.i270north.org
Rick Stevens, president of Christian Hospital, is responsible for positioning the hospital as a provider of quality critical health care services in north St. Louis County. One of his goals is to make sure hospital clients can easily and safely access the health services that they need, and he says that the I-270 North Project will play a role in helping to achieve that goal.

“When the project is finished, both our employees and our clients will have safer and improved access to our facility. While the work is ongoing, we are focused on sharing critical information about construction activities like closures and detours, in our newsletter and on social media so that people know in advance and can choose alternate routes when necessary.”

Stevens learned about the project while serving as 2019 Board Chair for North County, Inc. He is a strong supporter of the $278 million in planned upgrades. I-270 North is a part of his daily commute and he believes that the upgrades are very much needed.

“This stretch was built in the 1960s and this work will bring it into the 2020’s. I’m not a Missouri native and I am accustomed to driving on one-way outer roads and using dedicated turnaround bridges. The roundabouts, one-way roads and other intersection improvements will update an aging infrastructure and improve how traffic flows throughout the corridor.”

He says the improvements also will be very critical to the hospital; especially in emergency situations.

“Emergency vehicles often operate in life or death situations. The goal is to get patients to the hospital as safely and as quickly as possible. These improvements could be critical in these situations; potentially helping to save lives.”

“Greater access to health care for the 375,000 North County residents and others who choose to travel here, along with improved safety and new infrastructure, are among the enhancements. We are very excited about these upgrades and can’t wait to see the results. Until then, we will just have to be patient and work hard to make the transition as easy as we can on our clients, partners and staff.”