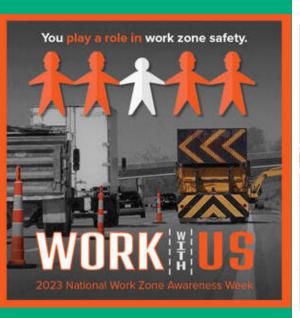
#### Work Zone Awarness



Work zones are critical for upgrading and maintaining our roadways.

State agencies, local communities, and contractors all endeavor to keep road users safe when work zones are in place. Below are some ways that you can work with us and keep work zones safe.

- Plan ahead.
- Put down your phone.
- Reduce your speed.
- · Look out for workers.
- Be aware of pedestrians and bicyclists.
- Give space to larger vehicles.
- Stay alert.

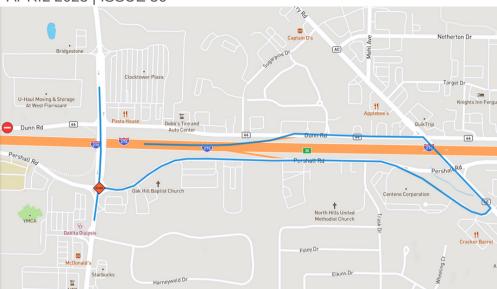
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# WB I-270 Entrance Ramp from Dunn Road near West Florissant Avenue Closed

Drivers who regularly use the westbound I-270 entrance ramp from Dunn Road near West Florissant Avenue should be aware that the entrance ramp is closed for one month, as of Wednesday, April 19.

The closure will allow crews to update the West Florissant Avenue entrance ramp. The final design will provide drivers more room to enter and exit the highway.

All I-270 North closures and construction work are part of the \$278 million I-270 North Project infrastructure upgrades. To stay current 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.

#### **CURRENT AND UPCOMING WORK AREAS:**

- Dunn Road is now OPEN between Lynn Haven Lane and 367 Dunn Road.
- I-270 Westbound on ramp from New Halls Ferry Road will tentatively close on 6/1 (after West Florissant Avenue ramp reopens).
- New Florissant Road Bridge construction continues through Spring 2023.
- Route 367 Flyover bridge(s) are under construction through Summer 2023.
- Westbound I-270 widening work continues through 2023.



Learn more about the I-270 North Project at www.i270north.org





#### COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT

## James Hudanick Chief of Police | Hazelwood

The I-270 North Project will certainly expand growth and investment opportunities for the City of Hazelwood, as well as all of North County," said Hazelwood Police Chief James Hudanick.

"At times I have heard from citizens that roadways to and from Hazelwood are confusing, but with the expanded roadway and redesigned north and south outer roads, the project is certainly correcting that."



Hudanick was chosen as Hazelwood's Police Chief in January 2023, after serving 33 years with the Hazelwood Police Department.

He graduated from the St. Louis County and Municipal Police Academy, and the 246th Class of the FBI Academy. He previously served as a U.S. military policeman and is a graduate of the Military Police School at Fort McClellan, Alabama. He holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Criminal Justice from Illinois State University. One of his agency's primary goals is to reduce hazardous moving violations and accidents; adding that they want to see drivers reduce their speeds and be more safety prone.

"Both enforcement operations and high visibility patrols can help to change drivers' attitudes and behaviors, but these operations must extend throughout the entire I-270 North corridor for the greatest impact," said Hudanick. He adds that high traffic volumes also are a challenge.

"The volume of traffic on I-170, I-270 and U.S. Route 67 was such that a single, basic, non-injury accident would clog the roadways, making responding to calls for service challenging.

Also, an inability to fill open positions is being experienced by all police departments and that is one of the greatest challenges in responding to these calls." Hudanick said there also is a shortage of qualified officers that limits resources and the ability to conduct additional Saturation Patrols.

He added, however, that they are fortunate enough to maintain mutual aid agreements with law enforcement partners in adjacent municipalities; helping each other on emergency calls when we one may not be able to respond in a timely manner.

In terms of the I-270 North Project, Hudanick said he is looking forward to the changes that will be made through the I-270 North Project, and he believes that the entire project is coming together well.

"The motoring public will find it easier to navigate and less confusing to get to their intended destinations, and travel routes will be improved. It's a game changer for us and the entire area."

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