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Indiana Department of Transportation News Release

Section of I-65 southbound to close in downtown Indianapolis

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. - The Indiana Department of Transportation is advising motorists to seek alternate routes ahead of a temporary closure of Interstate 65 southbound in downtown Indianapolis beginning later this month.

Starting at 9 p.m. on Friday, October 18, crews will close I-65 southbound between West Street and Alabama Street for up to 16 days for bridge deck patching and joint repairs. Lane restrictions on I-65 southbound will begin at 29th Street and continue to the point of closure. Traffic will be required to exit I-65 southbound at West Street.

The following entrance ramps will also be closed starting at 9 p.m. on Friday, October 18:

- 38th Street eastbound to I-65 southbound
- Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Street southbound to I-65 southbound
- 29th Street eastbound and 30th Street westbound to I-65 southbound
- 21st Street eastbound and westbound to I-65 southbound
- West Street northbound to I-65 southbound

The following exit ramps also will be inaccessible from I-65 southbound starting at 9 p.m. on Friday, October 18:

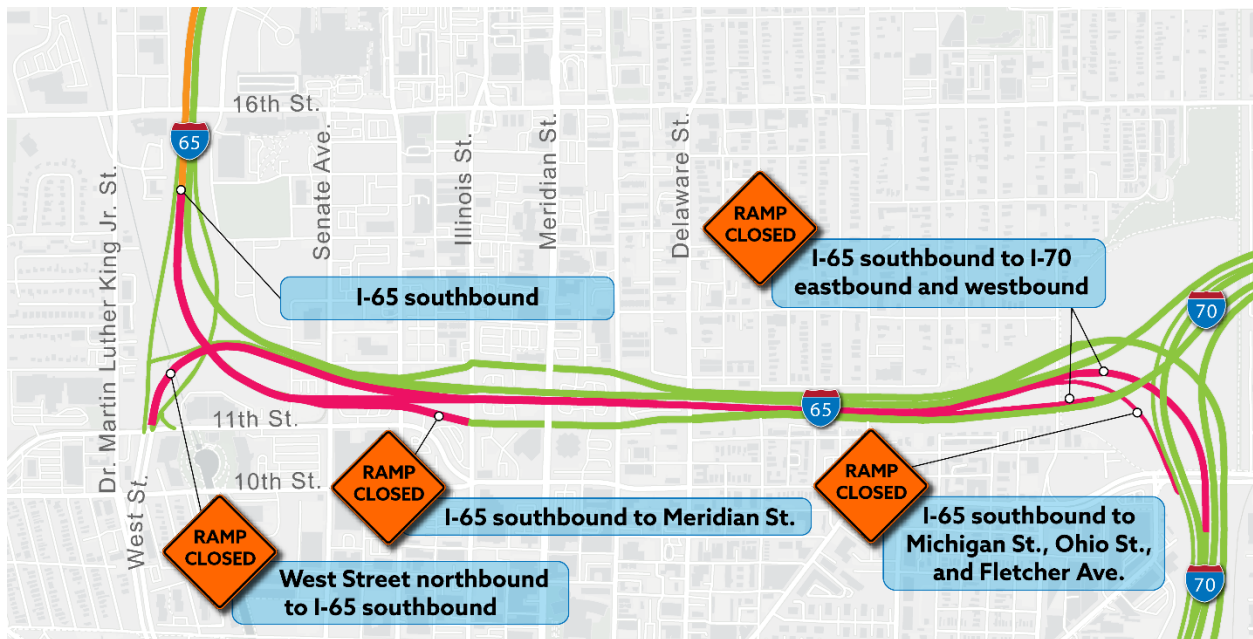
- I-65 southbound to Meridian Street
- I-65 southbound to Michigan Street, Ohio Street, and Fletcher Avenue
- I-65 southbound to I-70 eastbound and westbound

All other exit ramps on I-65 southbound between 38th Street and West Street will remain open during this work. These closures will allow crews to safely complete bridge maintenance and repairs. Interstate 65 and affected ramps are expected to reopen by early November. This work is weather dependent, and schedules are subject to change. Motorists are encouraged to seek alternate routes during these closures. INDOT reminds drivers to visit 511in.org or download the [INDOT TrafficWise app](#) to map their route.

Suggested alternate routes include:

- I-65 southbound to I-465 southbound/eastbound on the west side
- I-65 southbound to I-865 eastbound to I-465 eastbound/southbound on the east side
- West Street to I-70

- I-65 southbound to downtown Indianapolis should exit at or before West Street. Traffic will be required to exit at West Street.



INDOT reminds drivers to consider worker safety by slowing down, using caution and avoiding distractions when traveling in and near work zones.

More information about the I-65 southbound closure can be found [here](#).

Stay Informed

Motorists in East Central Indiana can monitor road closures, road conditions, and traffic alerts any time via:

- Facebook: [facebook.com/INDOTEast](https://www.facebook.com/INDOTEast)
- X (formerly Twitter): [@INDOTEast](https://twitter.com/INDOTEast)
- TrafficWise: [511in.org](https://www.511in.org)
- Mobile App: [iTunes App Store](https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/indot/id1088888888) and the [Google Play store for Android](https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.indot)



About the Indiana Department of Transportation

INDOT continues to solidify the Hoosier State as the Crossroads of America through delivery of Gov. Eric J. Holcomb's \$60 billion Next Level Roads plan. With six district offices and 3,500 employees, the agency is charged with constructing and maintaining more than 29,000 lane miles of highways, more than 5,700 bridges, and supporting 4,500 rail miles and 127 aviation facilities across the state. For the seventh consecutive year, Indiana has placed within the top five in the nation for infrastructure in CNBC's "America's Top States for Business" rankings. Learn more about INDOT at [in.gov/indot](https://www.in.gov/indot).

About Buckle Up Phone Down

Buckle Up Phone Down is a safety initiative adopted by the Indiana Department of Transportation in late

2023. Unrestrained motorists and passengers, as well as distracted driving continue to be contributing factors in fatal and serious injury crashes on Indiana roadways. Buckle Up Phone Down is one of many efforts to change driver behavior and improve roadway safety across Indiana.

The actions are simple: when you get into a vehicle, buckle up. If you are the driver, put the phone down. Every trip. Every time. Learn more and accept the challenge at [BUPDIN.com](https://www.bupdin.com).

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