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Team Kentucky To Open New Lanes on I-75 in Lexington Ahead of Thanksgiving Travel

Lane openings mark major milestone as $89 million in highway improvements near completion

LEXINGTON, Ky. (Nov. 23, 2026) – Ahead of Thanksgiving, Gov. Andy Beshear announced that Team Kentucky is opening all eight lanes on the Interstate 75/Interstate 64 widening project this week as part of a significant initiative that will improve safety and reduce traffic in Fayette County.

“Team Kentucky’s goal is to make roadways safer for all of our people while also making sure upgrades and improvements work for residents in their day-to-day lives,” said **Gov. Beshea**r. “This is a major project for the Lexington community, and I am proud of what we’ve accomplished so that we can reopen these essential lanes ahead of the Thanksgiving holiday.”

The $89 million investment is part of Driving Lexington Progress, which will reduce congestion, improve safety and accommodate growing traffic demands along some of Central Kentucky’s busiest transportation corridors.

“The added capacity of these additional, newly paved travel lanes is what we’ve been working toward since this project began,” said Transportation Cabinet **Secretary Rebecca Goodman**. “While some construction work will continue, this marks a significant milestone toward full completion.”

Eight Lanes Opening on I-75

The $89 million I-75/I-64 widening project adds a fourth travel lane in each direction along approximately four miles of interstate between Newtown Pike and the southern split.

With paving now complete on both sections of the project, all four lanes in each direction on I-75 are expected to be open by Tuesday evening, Nov. 24, weather permitting – from Paris Pike to the southern split and from Newtown Pike to Paris Pike, which was substantially complete in winter of 2024, but lane closures remained in place as a safety precaution to avoid a four- to three-lane merge in an active work zone.

With the opening of the remaining lanes, motorists will now have four continuous travel lanes in each direction throughout the corridor.

Motorists should expect some work to continue after the Thanksgiving holiday. Intermittent lane closures will be necessary to complete sound barrier walls and other remaining construction activities, but these lane closures will be scheduled as needed rather than maintained on a long-term basis.

Safety Remains a Priority as Work Continues

Drivers should continue to watch for changing traffic patterns, obey posted speed limits, and remain alert for workers and equipment as contractors complete remaining activities.

For more information about the I-75/I-64, Newtown Pike, and New Circle Road widening projects and other transportation improvements in the Lexington area, visit DrivingLexingtonProgress.org.

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