

Construction Starting Soon on I-Move Kentucky

Widening project to begin along I-71 corridor in Jefferson and Oldham Counties

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LOUISVILLE, Ky. (Feb. 11, 2020) – Contractors for the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet's I-Move Kentucky project will begin work this week along portions of the

project corridor in Jefferson and Oldham counties. Work will begin along I-71 between the I-265 (Gene Snyder Freeway) interchange and KY 329 (Crestwood/Pewee Valley exit).

Starting Wednesday, Feb. 12, crews will begin clearing areas along I-71 and the interchanges in preparation for construction. This clearing work will continue throughout the project area through the end of March.

Motorists should use caution when traveling in the project area. Crews will be working during daylight hours.



Initial construction work will begin next month around the I-71/I-265 interchange.

"I-Move Kentucky is a major project that will improve safety and reduce congestion through a heavily traveled interstate corridor in Jefferson and Oldham counties," said Secretary Jim Gray. "We're excited to soon see the first visible signs of progress on this transformational project that will improve the daily commute for drivers and businesses."

I-Move Kentucky is the largest, single construction project in Kentucky since the Ohio River Bridges Project was completed in 2016. The four-year project will add lane capacity and include upgrades at two, major interchanges where I-265 converges with I-71 and I-64.

"This project is making significant improvements through a busy corridor that is important to regional transportation," said Chris Slone, KYTC's project manager for I-Move Kentucky. "Each day, these interstates serve hundreds of thousands of travelers, including local drivers, freight haulers and visitors passing through the region."

Four major sections

The I-Move Kentucky project includes four, major sections.

I-71/I-265 Interchange improvements: KYTC will create a collector-distributor lane on southbound I-71 to improve safety and ease ramp movements to and from I-265.

I-71 widening: KYTC will widen I-71 to the center and add a 12-foot lane of traffic in each direction to create a total of six lanes between Interstate 265 and KY 329 (Crestwood/Pewee Valley exit).

I-265 widening: KYTC will widen I-265 to the center and add a 12-foot lane of traffic in each direction to create a total of six lanes between KY 155 (Taylorsville Road) and Interstate 71.

I-64/I-265 Interchange improvements: KYTC will reconstruct the I-64/I-265 interchange to improve safety and ease the flow of traffic through the interchange. The project includes areas on I-64 from Blankenbaker Parkway to English Station Road, and on I-265 from Pope Lick Road to the U.S. 60 interchange.

Construction is expected to begin on the I-71/I-265 Interchange improvements and portions of the I-71 widening in the coming months. The timetable for work in other sections of the project has not been determined.

Work on the I-Move project is scheduled to be completed by the end of 2023.

Learn more about the project

Additional updates on I-Move Kentucky will be shared online and through the project's social media channels:

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