

TRAFFIC ADVISORY FOR I-65 AND 31-W IN HART AND BARREN COUNTIES

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Motorists traveling north on Interstate 65 in Hart County should be prepared for delays Sunday through Wednesday. Contract crews will be working on the bridge over Green River near Mile Point 62, just north of Horse Cave (Exit 58). This work will require reducing the interstate to one lane on approach to the bridge from 7am to approximately 6:30pm (central/local time) both days.

While congestion and delays are expected on the interstate, motorists may find using US 31W North as an alternate route just as time consuming. Traffic overflow from the interstate combined with local traffic through the cities of Horse Cave and Munfordville will likely lead to lengthy delays during mid and late afternoon. Additionally, construction to widen the interstate to three lanes continues just south of the Green River bridges. If traffic queues accumulate from the bridges back to the widening construction zone, motorists in that area should be aware that there is no shoulder space for stopping.

With this in mind, anyone traveling north from Bowling Green through to Elizabethtown (or beyond) should consider exiting Interstate 65 at exit 20 in Bowling Green onto William H. Natcher Green River Parkway North, take exit 43 to Wendell H. Ford Western Kentucky Parkway East and then take exit 137 to rejoin Interstate 65 North at Elizabethtown. Commercial traffic is strongly urged to consider this route.

Local motorists along US 31W from Cave City through Upton should be aware of the increased traffic volume, use additional caution and may wish to consider using other local roads to avoid congestion, especially through the afternoon peak commute.

Motorists should pay attention to overhead message boards and mobile message boards along northbound Interstate 65 for important traffic information. Information may also be found at www.511.ky.gov or by calling 511 from any phone.

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