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MoDOT schedules weekend I-70 closure to remove bridge *(Reversible lanes will close for two months)*

ST. LOUIS – The Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) and its contractor Fred Weber, Inc., has scheduled a June 25-28 weekend closure of Interstate 70 in St. Louis City to demolish the St. Louis Avenue bridge.

MoDOT currently plans to close all lanes of I-70, in both directions, at St. Louis Avenue at 8 p.m. Friday, June 25. The interstate will reopen by 5 a.m. Monday, June 28. The work is being done in conjunction with constructing the New Mississippi River Bridge to relocate I-70 across the Mississippi River.

The department will close St. Louis Avenue at the bridge on June 24. Crews will also close the I-70 reversible lanes on June 23 for two months to construct the middle portion of the St. Louis Avenue bridge over the interstate.

The detour for eastbound I-70 will be up and over the St. Louis Avenue exit ramps (Exit 248C). Drivers on westbound I-70 will take the Madison Street exit ramp (Exit 249A), turn right onto N. Market Street, turn left on N. 9th Street and re-enter the interstate after Salisbury Street.

Although the detour for this closure is not as extensive as the one to remove the Cass Avenue and Madison Street bridges earlier this year, Mississippi River Bridge officials still encourage avoiding the location during the closure, if possible.

“We still average about 70,000 vehicles through this area daily. If people don’t use alternate routes to travel to downtown, the detour for the I-70 work, especially westbound I-70, could take a long time,” said Gregory Horn, P.E., project director for the Mississippi River Bridge project. “If possible, people can use I-64 and I-170 to get around the closure downtown.”

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