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I-44/I-55 closed in downtown St Louis late Friday through early Sunday

The majority of construction work on state routes in Missouri will stop starting Friday, Sept. 1 at noon for the Labor Day holiday weekend. However, late Friday night into Saturday morning, one active work zone will close the westbound/southbound direction of Interstate 44 and Interstate 55 in downtown St. Louis including the ramp from the Mississippi River Bridge to I-44/I-55 coming into Missouri. There are also many locations across the state where work zones have permanent lane closures and barriers will remain in place this weekend. Construction work across Missouri will resume Tuesday, Sept. 5 at 9 a.m. For the locations of all state work zones, please check MoDOT's Traveler Information Map.

Travelers should avoid downtown St. Louis between 10 p.m. Friday, Sept. 1 through noon Saturday, Sept. 2. All lanes of westbound I-44 will be closed from the Interstate 70 Stan Musial Mississippi River Bridge through downtown to the I-44/I-55 interchange.

The ramp from the westbound I-64/I-55 Poplar Street Bridge over the Mississippi River to southbound I-44/I-55 will also be closed during this same time. Crews are removing barrier wall and re-striping the highway to reopen all lanes that have been closed due to ongoing construction work. Once the lanes reopen at noon Sept. 2, there will not be any

other work in this area until Tuesday, Sept. 5.

The Route 65 full closure in Springfield has reopened. Motorists headed to Branson for the holiday weekend will be able to use both directions of Route 65 now that the pavement repairs are complete.

To check for work zones with permanent lane closure on your travel path, please check MoDOT's Traveler Information Map located at www.modot.org. The map is available as a free app for iPhone and Android phones. The map also displays current traffic speed conditions and live camera views.

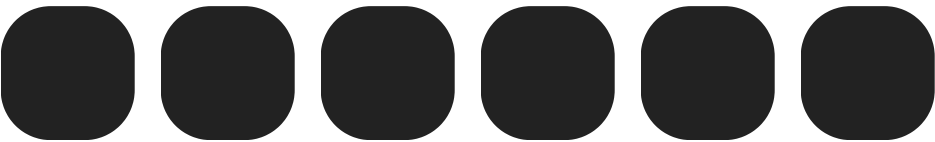
Motorists should pay attention to all signing, follow the posted speed limits, and take turns merging every other car, like a zipper, where lanes are closed. Always wear safety belts and be alert for slowed traffic, narrowed lanes or a reduced number of lanes. Many of these work zones may cause congestion and traffic delays especially during the peak travel times including Friday evening and Monday afternoon.

Motorists can also call MoDOT's 24/7 customer service toll free at 1-888-ASK-MoDOT (275-6636).

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