



Milton-Madison Bridge reduced to one lane Feb. 5 - 10

Work continues on core sampling of bridge piers

LOUISVILLE, KY (January 29, 2009) — The Milton-Madison Bridge, which carries US 421 across the Ohio River from Milton, KY to Madison, IN, will be reduced to one lane Feb. 5 - 10 while crews continue core sampling from the bridge piers.

Earlier this month, Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC) geotechnical crews obtained cores from two of the four bridge piers. They plan to take samples from the two remaining piers with work beginning on February 5.

KYTC Engineers will test the viability of the existing piers, which could be used during a replacement of the superstructure, an alternative being considered for the Milton-Madison Bridge Project. Analysis of the core samples will be conducted by KYTC and Construction Technology Laboratories (CTL) of Skokie, IL.

The northbound lane of the bridge will be closed for the drilling procedures from 9 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 5 to 12 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 10. Crews will be working around the clock to complete the drilling process. Flagmen will conduct traffic control.

Due to the narrow lanes and the placement of drilling equipment, overweight and over-dimensional vehicles will be restricted. Commercial vehicles with trailers wider than 96 inches must take an alternate route to cross the Ohio River. The nearest Ohio River bridges are 46 miles downstream in Louisville, KY and 26 miles upstream near Vevay, IN.

The cabinet encourages drivers to follow posted speed limits and drive cautiously through the workzone. Motorists should expect delays. To avoid these delays, commercial vehicles are encouraged to use the Markland Dam Bridge as a detour during this time

The work schedule is subject to change due to inclement weather and other unforeseen delays. Dial 511 or visit 511.ky.gov for the latest in traffic and travel information.