



OKLAHOMA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

200 N. E. 21st Street

Oklahoma City, OK 73105-3204

Media Advisory

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Shields Blvd. exit best for access to downtown/Bricktown area

The recent opening of the new eastbound I-40 Crosstown lanes brings about changes for drivers. New traffic patterns and on and off-ramps require drivers to adjust their routines for getting to downtown Oklahoma City. Those going to the downtown area or Bricktown should use the Shields Blvd. exit. The under-utilized facility is one of the larger corridors that can accommodate higher traffic volumes encountered for special events.

Remember that even though traffic is starting to drive on the new eastbound lanes, the Crosstown corridor is still a construction work zone. Drivers are urged to be alert to workers and equipment while construction continues until mid-2014. Remain flexible and allow extra time locating new routes.

Currently, ramps open for eastbound I-40 Crosstown include:

- Off-ramp to Agnew Ave.
- On and off-ramps at Pennsylvania Ave.
- On and off-ramps at Western Ave.
- On and off-ramps at Shields Blvd.

Westbound I-40 remains on the old structure through January.

Other closures for Crosstown construction near downtown OKC include:

Robinson Ave. is closed between S.W. 7th St. and S.W. 11th St. Detour is Walker Ave.

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