



**Major lane, ramp closures planned tonight; brings changes
for I-40 Crosstown drive**
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The Oklahoma Department of Transportation is alerting drivers to major lane and ramp closures tonight along the westbound I-40 Crosstown. The work is necessary as crews begin moving westbound traffic to its final configuration.

Thursday night's work will ultimately result in a shift of the westbound driving lanes along the west end of the Crosstown corridor near Pennsylvania Ave. beginning early Friday. Motorists are advised to avoid the area beginning 7 p.m. Thursday through 5 a.m. Friday and be aware of traffic changes for the Friday morning rush hour.

The following lanes will be closed Thursday evening for striping operations:

- Various lanes closed on westbound I-40 between Pennsylvania Ave. and I-44 from 7 p.m. Thursday to 5 a.m. Friday
- Westbound I-40 off-ramp to Agnew Ave. will close from 8 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. Thursday
- Westbound I-40 off-ramp to eastbound I-44 will close from 8 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. Thursday
- Westbound I-40 off-ramp to westbound I-44 will close for a short duration from midnight to 3 a.m. Friday

In the next month, weather permitting, more improvements will be occurring in the area as traffic is normalized. Eventually, all five lanes will open on the west end of westbound I-40 and there will be improved ramp access at the I-40/I-44 interchange. The westbound I-40 on-ramp from Villa Ave./Agnew Ave. will open as will the service road between Agnew Ave. and May Ave.

Transportation officials ask drivers to be alert to workers and equipment, remain flexible to traffic changes and allow extra travel time for locating new routes. Those going to the downtown area or to Bricktown should use the Shields Blvd. exit when possible. The under-used facility is one of the larger corridors that can accommodate higher traffic volumes encountered during special events.

Work is also underway with the planning and early design of the Oklahoma City Boulevard, which will be built along the old I-40 alignment. Citizens are urged to become involved with the Oklahoma City Boulevard by attending the next public meeting scheduled for Dec. 3 at 5:30 p.m. in the Coca Cola Bricktown Events Center, 425 E. California Ave. For more information about the meeting visit www.okc.gov

The entire Crosstown corridor will remain a construction work zone through 2014. When the highway is in its final configuration, traffic will operate more smoothly than while under construction. To help alleviate confusion or concern about on-going construction along the I-40 Crosstown route visit okladot.state.ok.us – click Traffic Advisories for daily lane closure information.

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