



Missouri Department of  
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# Westbound Interstate 70 Blanchette Bridge Construction

- The 1958 Westbound I-70 bridge needs major rehab to ensure bridge lasts another 50 years
- \$63 million project scheduled from March 2012 to December 2013
- Westbound I-70 traffic detoured to eastbound I-70 bridge starting in November 2012 and lasting less than 12 months
- Eastbound I-70 bridge will have three lanes for eastbound and three lanes for westbound traffic during these 12 months
- Fifth Street access during construction
  - Westbound I-70 exit and entrance ramps open
  - Eastbound I-70 exit ramp open
  - Southbound Fifth Street to eastbound I-70 ramp open
  - Northbound Fifth Street to eastbound I-70 ramp closed
- Motorists are advised to flex work hours or considering alternate routes during morning and evening rush hours
- Route 370 is the signed detour to avoid the construction work
- Rte 364 to Arena Pkwy will serve as alternate to Downtown St. Charles
- Repair work to the I-70 bridges over Earth City Expressway will occur during off peak hours/weekends in summer 2012
- Repair work to the I-70 westbound bridge over Fifth Street will occur during spring 2013.



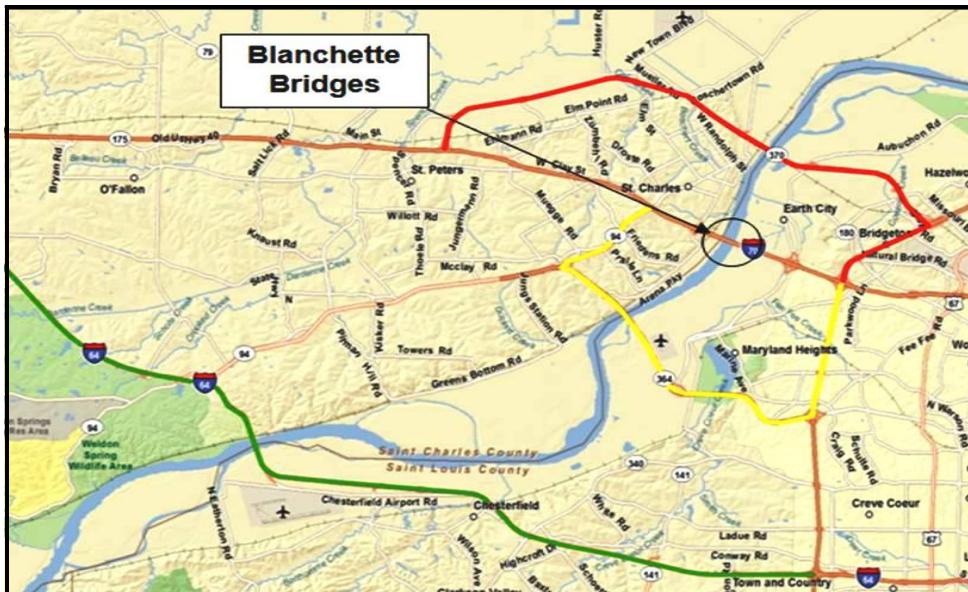
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# Westbound Interstate 70 Blanchette Bridge Construction Schedule

**Effective May 2012**

<u>DATE</u>	<u>ACTIVITY</u>	<u>TRAFFIC IMPACT</u>
June 2012	Painting work on WB bridge (continues throughout summer)	Work is under bridge/No lane closures
June 2012	Build median crossovers	Nighttime lane closures 2 lanes each direction
June –Aug 2012	I-70 bridge repairs over Earth City	Three full weekends lanes closed on I-70 and Earth City, some ramp closures (Work zone coordinated with Verizon concert schedule)
Aug 2012	Work in the river with barges/cranes	No traffic impact
Nov 2012	Work to move all traffic to eastbound bridge	2-3 lanes closed for one weekend Traffic switched to 3 lanes each direction on eastbound bridge
Nov/Dec 2012	Demolition of the bridge	Three bridge blasts on three different days with short full closure of I-70
January-Fall 2013	Bridge rehab work	Traffic remains 3 lanes each direction on eastbound bridge



**I-70 alternate routes:**

**Via Route 370**

**Via Route 364**

**Via I-64**