



Rehabilitation Project to Begin for West Huntington I-64 Bridges

The West Virginia Division of Highways is set to begin a rehabilitation project on the Interstate 64 bridges that cross over US 52 in Cabell County. Kokosing Construction Company, Inc. was awarded the \$2,910,505.41 contract in April. The project will involve lowering US 52 under the bridges to improve clearance, rehabilitating the abutments and sub-structure, replacing the steel bridge beams, and constructing a new concrete bridge deck. The current contract completion date is August 11, 2017.

The project will include lane restrictions along I-64 East and West near Exit 6 (West Huntington/Ironton, OH) and intermittent closures of the eastbound Exit 6 entrance and exit ramps. These closures will occur throughout the duration of construction and at times will significantly impact traffic.



The first phase of the project consists of a week-long closure of the Exit 6 eastbound exit and entrance ramps to allow crews to perform the necessary work to lower the roadway going beneath the overpass bridges. The closure begins on Saturday, July 30 and the ramps will remain closed until Friday, August 5. The westbound entrance and exit ramps will remain open during this time.

The following detour routes have been designated:

Eastbound Entrance Ramp Detour

Travelers on US 52 South and West Huntington wanting to head east on I-64 will utilize the detour as signed along 5th Ave and Route 60 through Huntington to the 29th Street (Exit 15) eastbound entrance ramp.

Eastbound Exit Ramp Detour

I-64 traffic will use Exit 1 at Kenova/Ceredo and utilize the detour as signed along Route 60 to West Huntington and US 52 North.

The WVDOT has created the facebook page to keep the public informed of upcoming closures and construction progress. Visit www.facebook.com/Huntington64Project.

- Excerpted from Carrie Jones, WVDOT, 7/20/16
<http://www.transportation.wv.gov/communications/PressRelease/Pages/Rehabilitation-Project-to-Begin-for-West-Huntington-I-64-Bridges.aspx>

About The West Virginia DOT

The purpose of the West Virginia DBE program is to encourage, cultivate and support equal opportunities for firms owned and controlled by socially and economically disadvantaged individuals.

The WVDOT provides support for its certified DBE firms through the DBE Supportive Services Program with the intent to improve economic growth and future of WV DBE firms by utilizing the following tactics:

- Expanding business knowledge
- Increase project quality
- Enhance abilities
- Create marketability of WV DBEs

About The Program

The Construction Estimating Institute (CEI) works with West Virginia Department of Transportation (WVDOT) as the statewide provider of the federally funded Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBE) Supportive Services Program.

We want to increase the number of certified DBEs participating in highway and bridge construction, as well as assist DBEs in growing and eventually becoming self-sufficient.

Additionally, CEI provides supportive services by assisting prime contractors and consultants with identifying DBEs for subcontracting opportunities on priority projects.

GROW AMERICA: West Virginia

The GROW AMERICA Act is a six-year transportation reauthorization proposal transmitted to Congress by the Administration that provides increased and stable funding for our Nation's highways, bridges, transit, and rail systems. The GROW AMERICA Act will allow States and local governments to effectively plan and start construction on projects that will support millions of good paying jobs over the next several years and improve our economy and global competitiveness.

The Administration's proposed GROW AMERICA Act would put more resources into West Virginia's highway and transit systems than a scenario of continued short-term patches at flat funding levels:

- FY 2016 Federal-Aid Highway Apportionment to West Virginia under Extensions with Flat Funding: \$425,895,633
- Estimated FY 2016 Federal-Aid Highway Apportionment to West Virginia under the Administration's GROW AMERICA Act: \$520,257,126
- FY 2016 Federal Transit Administration Apportionments and Allocations to West Virginia under Extensions with Flat Funding: \$24,494,341
- Estimated FY 2016 Federal Transit Administration Apportionments and Allocations to West Virginia under the Administration's GROW AMERICA Act: \$37,767,996.

According to 2013 data, the Federal Highway Administration has determined that 2,514 of the 7,125 bridges in West Virginia (35.3%) are considered structurally deficient or functionally obsolete.

Excerpted from USDOT: <https://www.transportation.gov/grow-america/state-by-state/west-virginia>

WV Highway Funding Bill

Senator Ed Gaunch and 19 cosponsors have introduced S.B. 610, a bill that will create over \$250 million a year for highway maintenance and construction. The bill is the first major highway funding measure in the past few sessions.

Funding comes from various sources, including DMV fees, increasing the state's consumer sales tax from 6 percent to 6.5 percent and dedicating the increase to the State Road Fund, transferring from the state's general fund to the SRF the current sales taxes collected on car parts and repairs, changing the sales tax formula on vehicle sales and adding an annual fee to alternative fuel vehicles. The bill also increases the tax on diesel fuel by 5-cents-per-gallon, a measure supported by the WV Trucking Association since it will improve safety on West Virginia's highways. The bill has a single reference to the Senate Finance Committee.

Benefits of S.B. 610:

- West Virginia needs jobs. This bill creates over 3,800 jobs, many outside the construction industry.
- This bill only costs motorists pennies per day. The average motorist is spending \$333 annually due to poor roads.
- Other states have stepped forward to fund their road program. Inaction will hurt ability to attract new businesses to WV.
- Good roads equal jobs, economic development and improved safety.

If you support the measure, contact your Senator immediately to ask them to vote for S.B. 610.

Excerpted from: Contractors Association of West Virginia

Supportive Services Offered



- Estimating Training
- Building Capacity
- Mobilization Financing
- Bonding Assistance
- Marketing Plan Development
- Creating a Business Plan
- Building a Website



CEI is an educational organization providing the highest quality construction training in the industry. Over 100,000 owners, estimators, project managers, field supervisors, office support staff, foremen, laborers, and key management personnel have attended courses that are offered nationwide. The courses provide students with construction skills training and the critical information needed to be effective within their companies and organizations.

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