

MISSOURI STATE CAPITOL CONSTRUCTION PROJECT | PHASE II | 2018

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WHAT

- The **construction period** of Phase II of the Missouri State Capitol Construction Project will begin on **Friday, March 2nd, 2018**.
- During this incredibly complex and long-term project, the **south lawn** of the Capitol building will be converted into a **construction staging area** in order to allow for heavy equipment & materials to be stored on-location.
- As such, the **south circle drive will CLOSE to public traffic** from Friday, March 2nd until late 2020.
- **Eastbound traffic** approaching the Capitol Building from West Main will be **diverted right onto Broadway Street**.
- **Westbound traffic** approaching the Capitol Building from Capitol Avenue will make a **slight diversion on Senate Garage Drive** and then proceed around the north side of the Capitol. As a precaution, please note the speed limit on the north drive is 20 mph and **traffic will be limited to one lane only**.
- **Visitors** will continue to enter the Capitol through the **south carriage & west public entrances**.
- **ADA access** will continue to be available at the **south carriage entrance and through the Capitol garage**, at the lower level of the east side of the building. **ADA parking spaces** will continue to be available on the **north circle drive**.
- Designated **school bus drop-off area** will move to the **west end of the Capitol** near the base of the West stairs (buses will need to use the north circle drive to access this location).
- Normal **business hours for visitor access** at the **south side first floor door that faces High Street** (known as the carriage tunnel entrance): **Monday-Sunday, 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.**
- The **general public** can also access the Capitol Building through the **west side first floor door** on **Tuesday – Thursday from 7:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.** (times are subject to change)
- When there is **business of the state** being conducted in the Capitol **after 5:30 p.m.**, the public will be allowed to enter through the **east basement door**. This entrance will continue to serve as an **ADA access point** to enter and exit the building.
- As a reminder, **public Capitol entrances** are staffed by security personnel utilizing both magnetometers and X-ray conveyors for **security screening**. The public entrances are also used by contract employees, special guests, members of the media, and lobbyists – all who are subject to screening.
- For more information on accessing the Capitol Building, visit the **[Missouri Department of Public Safety website](#)**.

HOW

- During the **2014 Legislative Session**, **\$40 million for the State Capitol Project** was appropriated as part of a bond package after garnering bi-partisan support from then-Governor Nixon and the General Assembly.
- In **August of 2015**, the **first bond sale** to fund a portion of the Capitol project was approved by the Board of Public Buildings (members at that time included then-Governor Jay Nixon, then-Lieutenant Governor Peter Kinder, and then-Attorney General Chris Koster).

WHY

- After more than **100 years of wear & tear**, the exterior façade and substructure of the historic Missouri State Capitol Building (the seat of Missouri State Government in Missouri's capital city, Jefferson City) have suffered **significant deterioration**.
- The Capitol's **first major construction project** will bring the building's structure back to serviceable condition and address the deteriorating stonework on its facades, dome and drum, which was **completed in 1917**. The terrace pavers and sidewalk on the north side approach to the Capitol will also be fully replaced.
- Upon completion (anticipated in late 2020), the project will essentially **extend the life of the building** as well as improve the overall appearance, structural stability and water shedding capacity, ensuring that the historic structure is properly preserved so it can **continue to be enjoyed by generations to come**.