



Kentucky Tourism, Arts and Heritage Cabinet Kentucky International Convention Center

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Kentucky International Convention Center Construction Project Underway *Third Street between Market & Jefferson Open for Now*

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (August 16, 2016) —Third Street between Market and Jefferson Streets will remain open when the Kentucky International Convention Center expansion project gets underway tomorrow, August 17. Hunt Construction, the general contractor is revising plans to help mitigate downtown traffic congestion around the convention center. Additionally, LMPD will monitor traffic flow to determine when to increase traffic detail in the area.

Barriers and construction fencing will go up around the building within the coming weeks. The construction area is in the block bordered by Third and Fourth Streets between Market and Jefferson.

The KICC construction project will expand exhibit hall and ballroom space in the same footprint. Studies show that with the additional convention space along with more than 1500 new hotel rooms can attract up to 25 percent more convention business when completed in summer, 2018.

Regular traffic updates relating to KICC construction are posted at <http://www.kyconvention.org/expansionUpdates.html>, on Twitter @kyicc and on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/KentuckyInternationalConventionCenter>.

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Located in the heart of downtown, the [Kentucky International Convention Center](http://www.kyconvention.org) (KICC) draws 250,000 people to a wide variety of events each year. The facility is adjacent to the entertainment and arena districts. The facility will close August 17, 2016 for expansion and renovation, and reopen summer of 2018. For updates on the construction project, visit www.kyconvention.org.

Two public parking garages are available to visitors: the KICC (Cowger) Garage at Fourth and Market Streets, and the KICC (Commonwealth) Garage on Jefferson Street between Third and Fourth Streets (next to the Hyatt Regency Hotel).