



## Kentucky Tourism, Arts and Heritage Cabinet Kentucky International Convention Center

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### Kentucky International Convention Center Update

*Third Street Detour between Market & Jefferson*

**LOUISVILLE, Ky.** (December 16, 2016) — With the demolition of the original building nearly complete, the expansion and renovation of the Kentucky International Convention Center in Louisville is progressing with demolition of the overhead section that spans a one-block section of Third Street. Beginning Tuesday, Jan. 3, Third Street between Market and Jefferson will be closed to vehicular and pedestrian traffic for ten months.

Officials with Louisville Metro Government, the Louisville Metro Police Department and the Kentucky State Fair Board which operates the downtown convention center, noted that public safety was the cornerstone of the decision to shut down the street. “It was impossible to assure a safe environment for the public and construction crews with demolition and structural steel going into place overhead,” said Tim Livingston, Senior Superintendent with Hunt Construction. Hunt is the general contractor for the project.

Signage alerting commuters to the new traffic pattern will go up Monday, December 19. Chief of Public Services Doug Hamilton noted that the decision was made with the expertise and guidance from a traffic study conducted by WSP|Parsons Brinckerhoff. A detailed routing plan, timed traffic signals and on-site support from traffic control should moderate the inconvenience of the detour.

Jason Rittenberry, president & CEO of the Kentucky State Fair Board also announced that 49 major conventions are booked into the new convention center when it reopens in 2018. “With construction comes progress and adds to the tourism and hospitality economy for downtown Louisville.”

A webcam documenting the demolition and construction project has been installed at Fourth and Jefferson Streets. The ConstructionCam updates every 60 seconds and is online at [www.kyconvention.org](http://www.kyconvention.org).

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Located in the heart of downtown, the [Kentucky International Convention Center](http://www.kyconvention.org) (KICC) is closed for expansion and renovation, and will reopen summer of 2018. For updates on the construction project, visit [www.kyconvention.org](http://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).