

CONTRAFLOW

To provide additional roadway capacity during hurricane evacuations from the Gulf Coast, a portion of I-65 may operate entirely in the northbound direction, meaning both southbound lanes of I-65 would be converted into northbound lanes. These lanes are called contraflow lanes.



I-65 NORTHBOUND – Contraflow begins in Baldwin County just south of Exit 31 (State Road 225). A paved crossover at that location allows motorists traveling in the normal Northbound lanes to transition (crossover) to the contraflow lanes.

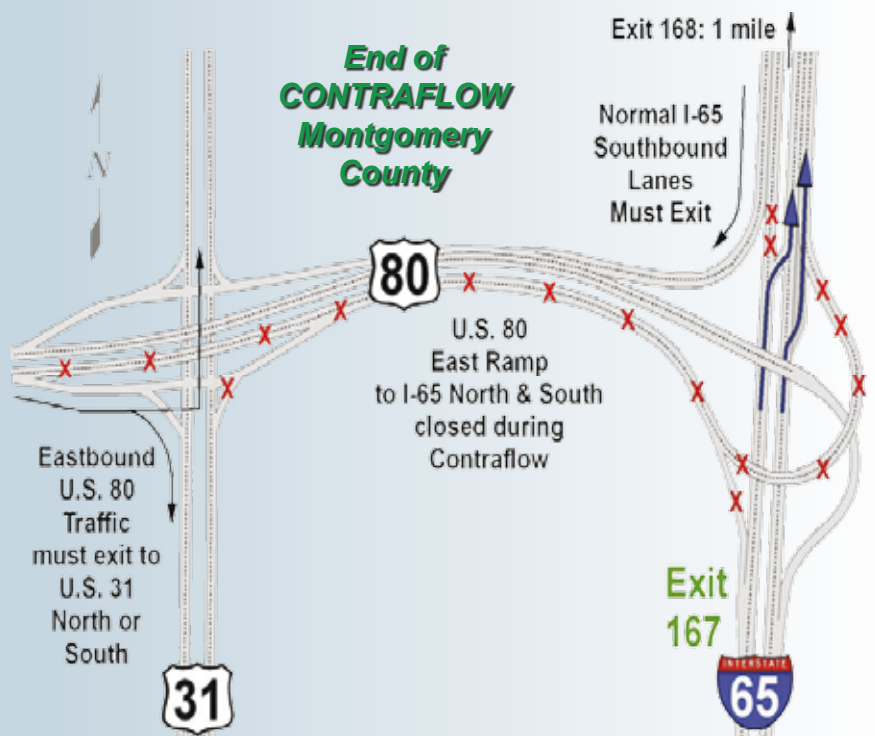
Contraflow ends in Montgomery just north of Exit 167 (U.S. 80). Motorists in the contraflow lanes will crossover into the two left lanes of the normal northbound lanes. Motorists travelling in the normal northbound lanes will merge into the two right lanes and continue north and onward to their destinations.

I-65 SOUTHBOUND – During contraflow, southbound traffic travelling on I-65 through Montgomery will be directed to exit the interstate at Exit 167 at U.S. 80 and then onto U.S. 31 South. From Montgomery southward, all southbound I-65 traffic is detoured to U.S. 31. Eastbound traffic on U.S. 80 cannot enter I-65 at Exit 167 and will be directed to U.S. 31.

Southbound traffic cannot use I-65 between Montgomery and Mobile during contraflow.

I-65 Contraflow Facts

- An I-65 lane reversal is not automatic in every hurricane.
- ALDOT and law enforcement personnel are posted along each exit of the contraflow portion of I-65.
- Travelers exiting I-65 will be directed by onsite personnel for re-entry onto the interstate.
- Rest Areas on the normal I-65 northbound lanes, located at mile marker 84 near Evergreen and mile marker 133 near Greenville, will remain open if possible.
- Electronic message signs display travel information along I-65 and northern portions of U.S. 31.
- Evacuations may result in heavier traffic and longer driving times. Slow down and drive with caution.



Tune into the Highway Advisory Radio System (HARS) for updated information. Look for advisory signs in these areas.

Mobile area – 1630 AM • Montgomery area – 1690 AM