

★ Area hotels offer discounted rates to workers and travelers inconvenienced by bridge closure

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Workers who want to avoid long commutes across one of the two remaining bridges between Louisville and Southern Indiana can take advantage of specials offered by area hotels, which are being offered to alleviate motorists' headaches while the Sherman Minton Bridge is closed. The bridge was closed Friday after inspectors found cracks in the structure's support beams.

Eileen Pickett, executive vice president of community and economic development for Greater Louisville Inc., the metro chamber of commerce, said hotels are offering discounts to commuters who want to stay overnight.

HRS Hotels Group offering discounts to construction workers, travelers

Locations owned by [HRS Hotels Group](#), which include Ramada Inn Airport, Holiday Inn Airport, Fairfield Inn & Suites Inn & Suites East in Louisville and Comfort Inn in Corydon, is offering nearly 40 percent

discounts to construction workers who work on the Sherman Minton or travelers inconvenienced by long delays, said HRS Hotels Group chief operating officer **Sam Patel**.

"I know there's an inconvenience" to motorists, Patel said. "We'd love to help out in any way we can."

Rates will be discounted until the Sherman Minton is repaired or replaced, he said. The discounted rates will be offered even when conventions are in the area, Patel added.

"As long as it takes — six months, eight months, however long it takes," he said. "We're helping out in the tough situation."

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