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## I-70/K-18 Interchange Bridge Repairs in Geary County (Update)

Repairs on the I-70/K-18 Interchange (303) Bridge have been rescheduled to begin Tuesday, June 14<sup>th</sup>. Expansion Joints (Strip Seal Assembly) replacement with some concrete patching on the deck of the bridge requires the bridge be closed to all traffic for the full 30 days of construction. This construction project includes detour information for those using the Interchange during construction. Drivers need to understand that the bridge will be closed 21 day after workers have left the project due to the cure time for the concrete.

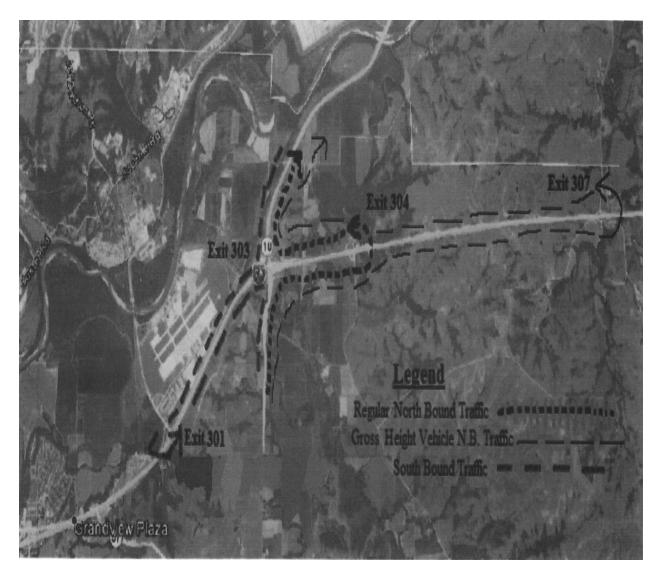
Eastbound I-70 traffic wanting to access K-18 north will continue east to the I-70 (304) exit, cross under I-70 and reenter I-70 westbound then exit onto K-18 north. Due to low clearance at the (304) Interchange all high profile vehicles, including Semitrucks, RV's, etc. <u>must continue on to Exit (307)</u> where they may exit, cross over the Interstate then reenter I-70 westbound to K-18 north. Southbound K-18 traffic wanting to travel east on I-70 will enter I-70 westbound to the (301) exit then over I-70 to reenter I-70 eastbound. K-18 traffic wanting to go west on I-70 will not be affected.

This project will be completed and the Interchange fully reopened by Thursday, July 14, 2016 weather permitting.

The purpose of this project is to extend the life of the bridge while improving the ride experienced by travelers.

B&B Bridge Co. LLC, of St Paul, KS, is the prime contractor. Project cost is \$83,799.00.

This project is funded through T-WORKS. For more information concerning the T-works program and specific projects visit the T-works web site at <a href="https://www.ksdot.org/tworks">www.ksdot.org/tworks</a>.



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