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I-70 construction in Geary County impacting travel time

Motorists traveling I-70 through Junction City in Geary County can expect delays due to an ongoing pavement replacement project. The Kansas Department of Transportation reports extended delays which can be expected during weekday evening commute time – typically 4:30 to 6 p.m. – and on weekends of Kansas State University home football games in Manhattan.

The I-70 construction project is taking place in three phases along a 4-mile stretch in Junction City between Washington Street (Exit 296) and K-57 (Exit 300). During the current first phase of construction, traffic in both directions is reduced to one lane at a reduced speed.

In early September, the median crossovers will be switched to route all traffic to the eastbound side of I-70. Similar delays are expected to continue with traffic restricted to one lane in both directions and lower work zone speed limits in effect.

The two-lane configuration on this stretch of I-70 is scheduled to remain in place throughout the first phase of construction, which is scheduled for completion in December. The entirety of the multi-phase I-70 project is expected to be completed by December 2025, weather permitting.

Electronic message boards provide advance warning of delays due to traffic volume and will enhance safety.

KDOT urges all motorists to be alert and obey the warning signs when approaching and driving through a highway work zone. To stay aware of all road construction projects across Kansas, go to www.kandrive.gov or call 5-1-1.

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