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Westbound I-70 on ramp scheduled to reopen in Junction City

The Kansas Department of Transportation plans to reopen the westbound I-70 on ramp at exit 298/Chestnut Street in late June, weather permitting.

Beginning July 8, following the reopening of westbound exit 296, the contractor has scheduled the closure of westbound exit 296/Washington Street on ramp for reconstruction in addition to the following ramp closures in Phase Two of this project:

- Westbound exit 299 on ramp is scheduled to remain closed until November.
- Westbound exit 298 off ramp is scheduled to remain closed until November.
- Westbound exit 296 off ramp is scheduled to remain closed until November.

To minimize overall traffic disruption, KDOT and Junction City will replace pavement at the Washington Street roundabout while the westbound ramps at exit 296 are closed for reconstruction. Motorists should follow the signed detour through the work zone. Work at the Washington Street roundabout is scheduled for completion in September, weather permitting.

Phase Two is scheduled to be completed in November. Phase Three is scheduled to begin in March 2025 and will replace deteriorated pavement in the eastbound lanes. All project phases are to be completed by December 2025, weather permitting. Wildcat Construction Co. Inc. and Subsidiaries, of Wichita, is the prime contractor of this \$30 million project.

KDOT urges all motorists to be alert and obey the warning signs when approaching and driving through a highway work zone. For more information on the project, visit https://www.ksdot.gov/bureaus/divOperat/i_70pavementreplacementproject.asp.

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