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# KDOT Encourages Safe Holiday/Summer Travels

The Fourth of July holiday creates one of the busiest travel times on roads and highways in Kansas. Unfortunately, an increase in traffic increases the likelihood of traffic crashes, injuries and deaths.

The Kansas Department of Transportation travel information resources can help with planning your holiday or other summer travels and can keep you informed as you travel. Summer is the height of road construction and by planning ahead and using the free services available anytime, travelers can find out if their routes are impacted by road work and make other plans as needed. With weather updates provided every 15 minutes, Kansas 511 can also be a resource to help travelers learn about changing weather conditions.

- **KanDrive**, [www.kandrive.org](http://www.kandrive.org), KDOT's traveler information gateway for Kansas and surrounding states, provides essential information you need to plan your trip. KanDrive features include camera images, motion camera views, an interactive 511 map of Kansas roads, road conditions and work zones and links to helpful transportation resources, such as Kansas Turnpike information, Kansas Byways, weather information and metro traffic information. Much of the same information can be accessed by calling 5-1-1 from anywhere in Kansas.
  - **Camera snapshots** of the roadway are updated every few minutes from closed-circuit cameras installed along I-70 and other highways. A **camera tour** is

provided so travelers can select and see all camera images on a specified highway.

- **Motion camera links** are also provided for many cameras along I-70 between Goodland and Auburn Road west of Topeka. These can be accessed by clicking on the camera icon and then clicking on the “motion camera” link (if provided on that camera) beneath the lower right corner of the camera view. Still shots will be updated every two seconds.
- **Electronic sign message views** show construction, accident and safety messages currently being displayed.
- **Metro Traffic Management Center websites** - Traffic Management Centers in Kansas City (KC Scout) and Wichita (WICHway), use up-to-the minute information to provide travel speeds and camera views on select routes, posted messages on electronic signs and other helpful information for drivers. KanDrive provides links to KC Scout ([www.kcscout.org](http://www.kcscout.org)) and WICHway ([wichway.org](http://wichway.org)), the new Wichita metro website. A new link at the top of the 511 Map page, “Metro Traffic Sites” now provides drop down links to metro traffic information for both of these sites.
- **RSS feeds and GeoRSS feeds** have recently been added to the 511 map page (<http://511.ksdot.org>).

KDOT also encourages travelers to use other free traveler information services:

- The **511 Mobile** site at <http://511mm.ksdot.org> provides map, camera and electronic message sign views, road conditions, work zone and event information and links to weather. The site is accessible from multiple devices, including iPhones, Droids and Windows mobile devices, Version 6.0 and higher. Any devices not compatible with the new application will be able to access text information only for road conditions and work zones.
- **511 Phone** - From any phone anytime, travelers may call 5-1-1 from anywhere in Kansas or 1-866-511-KDOT (5368) from anywhere in the U.S. to get route-specific road conditions, work zone information, including detours and closed roads, and travel-related weather information to plan their trips or for updates as they travel.

For everyone's safety, drivers should buckle up, safely secure children in safety seats and avoid distractions such as talking or texting on their cell phone.

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For information about obtaining an alternative format, contact the Bureau of Transportation Information, 700 SW Harrison St., 2<sup>nd</sup> Fl West, Topeka, KS 66603-3754 or phone 785-296-3585 (Voice)/Hearing Impaired – 711.

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