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K-31 controlled blasting scheduled in Osage County

A series of controlled blasts are scheduled to begin in Osage County as part of the realignment of K-31, according to the Kansas Department of Transportation.

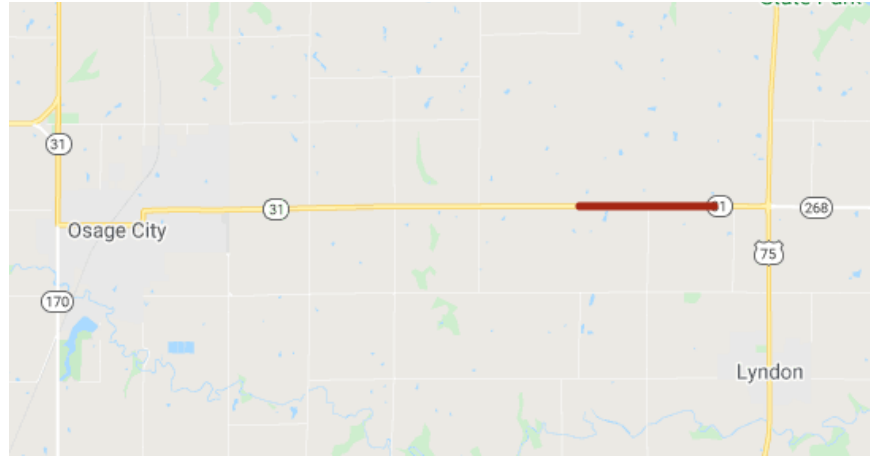
Beginning Wednesday, Aug. 11, through Friday, Aug. 27, there will be one blast every other day scheduled to occur between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m., weather permitting. Blasting work will not be done on weekends.

Blasts will take place along K-31 approximately four miles east of Osage City, at locations between Lewelling Road and just east of Morrill Road

Access to the 1.5-mile stretch of K-31 will be closed for up to 15 minutes at a time while blasts take place. Flaggers will stop traffic around the blasting area three minutes prior to a blast. Traffic will be released as soon as the all clear signal is given.

Pre- and post-blast audible sirens will also be sounded: three short sirens one minute prior to the blast and one long siren after the area is all clear.

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.org or call 5-1-1.



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