

TRAFFIC ALERT

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For Friday-Saturday, September 28-29, 2012 in Topeka (Shawnee County)

Eastbound I-70 Truss Sign Replacement

Beginning at **7:00 p.m. this Friday, September 28**, a traffic contractor will begin placing traffic control for a double lane drop (right two lanes will be closed) on eastbound I-70 from 8th Street to the Adams Street interchange in Downtown Topeka. This will also include a full closure of the 8th Street to eastbound I-70 entrance ramp, 10th Street to eastbound I-70 entrance ramp and eastbound I-70 to Adams Street exit ramp. These lane and ramp closures are taking place so that the project contractor can install a replacement overhead truss sign located just west of the Adams Street interchange on eastbound I-70. This overhead sign truss was severely damaged and removed due to a semi traffic incident that occurred in late October 2011.

At **11:00 p.m. that same Friday evening (September 28)**, KDOT maintenance crews and the Kansas Highway Patrol (KHP) will begin a rolling moving roadblock for all eastbound I-70 traffic starting at the **MacVicar Avenue to eastbound I-70 entrance ramp**. Eastbound I-70 traffic will be stopped near the ramp and then will fall in and follow behind the KDOT and KHP vehicles moving east at approximately 5 mph through Downtown Topeka towards the Adams Street interchange. Contractor crews at the sign truss installation point will be lifting up and positioning the overhead truss on its pedestals and bolting it into place during this rolling moving roadblock. **Eastbound I-70 traffic will be stopped completely for up to five minutes while the sign truss is lifted up, positioned and bolted into place. The entire rolling moving roadblock is scheduled to take approximately 15 minutes total.**

During the rolling moving roadblock, the eastbound I-70 to 4th Street entrance ramp will be closed until the sign truss is in place and then only this ramp will reopen to unrestricted traffic. **The eastbound I-70 two right lanes (one lane will remain open) and all other ramps will remain closed until approximately 2:00 a.m. on Saturday, September 29.**

As a backup contingency, should there be an issue in placing the sign truss for any reason, the sign truss will be moved back to the grassy side of the highway and traffic will be allowed to continue through on eastbound I-70. KDOT and KHP crews will then begin another rolling moving roadblock a little later that same evening, if needed.

Traffic will travel through the work zone via signage and the moving rolling roadblock. Drivers should expect delays during this rolling moving roadblock and are encouraged to use alternate routes, if possible. Updated traffic information for this project can be viewed online at: www.ksdot.org/topekametro/laneclose.asp.

NOTE! Additional Westbound I-70 Lane Closure: Westbound I-70 over five bridges including MacVicar Avenue, MoPac Railroad (between 10th Street & Adams Street interchanges), Washington Street and Deer Creek/Carnahan Avenue in Downtown Topeka will be reduced to one lane through three separate work zones beginning at **7:00 p.m. on Friday, September 28 and reopening to all traffic at 6:00 a.m. on Monday, October 1.**

The Kansas Department of Transportation urges all motorists to be alert, obey the warning signs, and “Give ‘Em a Brake!” when approaching and driving through the project work zone.

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