

TRAFFIC ALERT

Kansas Department of Transportation Traffic Alert

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

For Monday, August 16-Early October 2010 in Topeka/Shawnee County

I-70

On Monday, August 16 at 6:00 p.m., westbound I-70 will be reduced to one lane (left lane closed beginning at toll booth) beginning at the Kansas Turnpike East Topeka Toll Gate Plaza to the Carnahan Avenue interchange for concrete pavement repair work. Work will take place daily, Monday through Thursday, between 6:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m.; no weekend work will take place.

Lane closures will occur throughout the duration of the project with one lane of traffic to remain open at all times. Interchange ramps along westbound I-70 may be closed for short durations to complete work on the ramps. Advance message boards will alert traffic to all lane and ramp closures. There will be an 11-foot width lane restriction and a reduced speed limit of 55 mph through the project work zone.

Drivers may encounter minor delays and are encouraged to use alternate routes, if possible. Updated traffic information for this pavement repair project can be viewed online at:

www.ksdot.org/topekametro/laneclose.asp.

The I-70 work is part of a larger project that includes work on eastbound and westbound I-70 extending from 3.3 miles just west of Urish Road to Danbury Lane and also from just east of Carnahan Avenue to the Kansas Turnpike Authority east toll booth plaza; and eastbound and westbound I-470 from Gage Boulevard to 21st Street. Repair work on both eastbound I-70 and I-470 has been completed. **Crews are currently completing joint sealing and pavement marking work on westbound I-70 from Urish Road to Danbury Lane and westbound I-470 from Gage Boulevard to 21st Street.**

Crews will first remove the damaged areas of concrete and then fill the patched areas back in with new concrete pavement. New pavement markings will be applied to the repaired areas.

Chester Bross Construction Company (Palmyra, MO) is the primary contractor on this repair project with a total contract cost of \$4,877,148. The scheduled completion date for the entire project is early October 2010, weather permitting.

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