

TRAFFIC ALERT

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I-70 & Gage Boulevard Interchange

WEEKDAY RAMP LANE CLOSURE: Eastbound I-70 free-flow right lane on exit ramp to Gage Boulevard will be **CLOSED** for utility project work by Westar Energy, **on Monday-Friday, June 23-27 between 8:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. each day, weather permitting**, in Topeka (Shawnee County). The eastbound I-70 to Gage Boulevard exit ramp is a two-lane ramp and the left lane on the ramp will remain open so that exiting traffic can still access both northbound and southbound Gage Boulevard.

This utility work is part of Westar's project to modernize Topeka's electrical grid by installing a new line connecting the substation at S.W. 17th and Fairlawn Road with the Education Substation at Kanza Education and Science Park near S.W. 6th and MacVicar. The line will exit Westar's new Education Station Substation at Kanza Education and Science Park heading west just south of I-70 to Gage Boulevard. It will then follow along Gage to S.W. 6th Street, then along S.W. 6th to S.W. Fairlawn Road, at which point it will follow Fairlawn to the existing substation at S.W. 17th and Fairlawn. Read more about this Westar modernization project at: [http://www.westarenergy.com/corp_com/corpcomm.nsf/unid/C2015AAFD27B567586257C900065806E/\\$file/030314%20Line%20work%20begins.pdf](http://www.westarenergy.com/corp_com/corpcomm.nsf/unid/C2015AAFD27B567586257C900065806E/$file/030314%20Line%20work%20begins.pdf)

Traffic will be directed through the project work zone via signage and cones. Drivers should expect only minor delays during the daytime ramp lane closure.

I-70 & Gage Boulevard Ramp Lane Closure:



I-470 & Gage Boulevard Interchange

EXPECT MAJOR DELAYS! 24/7 RAMP CLOSURES: Eastbound I-470 to Gage Boulevard exit ramp and Gage Boulevard to westbound I-470 entrance ramp will be **CLOSED**, 24/7 round the clock, for water line installation work on a City of Topeka project **beginning at 6:00 a.m. on Monday, June 23 and will reopen to unrestricted traffic at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 24, weather permitting**, in Topeka (Shawnee County).

Advance message boards will alert drivers to the ramp closures. No marked detour provided. All ramps at adjacent interchanges (29th Street, Fairlawn Road and Burlingame Road) will remain open and drivers can utilize these interchanges as alternate routes during the scheduled ramp closures.

Traffic will be directed through the project work zone via signage and cones. Drivers should expect major delays and must use alternate routes during the ramp closures.

I-470 & Gage Boulevard Double Ramp Closure:



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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