

TRAFFIC ALERT

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I-70

TRAFFIC SHIFT! EXPECT DELAYS! 24/7 LANE CLOSURES: Eastbound and westbound I-70 traffic will be shifted and placed side by side with ONE LANE in each direction on the existing eastbound I-70 lanes for bridge repair and resurfacing work **beginning at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, June 2 through late summer/early fall 2014, weather permitting.** Crews will begin repair work in the westbound lanes. Once the westbound lanes are completed, traffic will then be shifted onto the repaired westbound lanes so that work can begin on the eastbound lanes. Advance separate notification will be sent for this future traffic shift.

Eastbound I-70 traffic will be reduced to one lane from just west of the 1st Street exit ramp to the 4th Street entrance ramp. Westbound I-70 traffic will be reduced to one lane from just east of the Indiana Avenue Bridge to just west of the 1st Street exit ramp. Westbound I-70 traffic will use the recently constructed median crossovers to shift over to travel on the existing eastbound lane.

Traffic will be directed through the project work zone via delineators and signage. There will be a 50 mph posted speed limit and a 14-foot lane width restriction through the project work zone throughout the project duration.

Drivers should expect delays during peak time commutes and should allow extra time for their daily commutes. Downtown Topeka commuters may want to use alternate routes via the local street network throughout the project duration. **Suggested alternate signed routes for I-70 through traffic in the Topeka area are as follows: 1) I-470 southbound/eastbound to the Kansas Turnpike; or 2) U.S. 75 northbound to U.S. 24 eastbound to K-4 southbound to I-70/KTA.**

Updated traffic information for this project and the entire Topeka/Lawrence Metro Area can be viewed online: www.ksdot.org/topekametro/laneclose.asp

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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