

TRAFFIC ALERT – UPDATE!

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I-70

NEW! EXPECT DELAYS! 24/7 RAMP CLOSURE: California Avenue to westbound I-70 entrance ramp will be **CLOSED**, 24/7 round the clock, **beginning at NOON 12:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 5 through late summer/early fall 2014**, weather permitting. This ramp closure is needed to safely and efficiently move westbound I-70 traffic through the project work zone related to the traffic shift noted below.

Advance message boards will alert traffic to the ramp closure. No marked detours provided. Drivers can use the Adams Street, Carnahan Avenue and Rice Road entrance ramps to access westbound I-70 as these ramps will remain open. Drivers should allow extra time for their daily commutes and must use alternate routes during the ramp closure.

TRAFFIC SHIFT RESCHEDULED DATE! 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 sometime on Friday, June 6 (not Monday, June 2 as originally scheduled)** 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.

The overall bridge repair project is scheduled to be completed in December 2014, weather permitting. (KDOT Project #70-89 KA-3169-01)

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