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Closure of westbound I-70 in Topeka scheduled to begin Monday

The Kansas Department of Transportation is reminding motorists that beginning Monday, Aug. 15, westbound I-70 through downtown Topeka will be closed to all traffic from S.E. 8th Street to Topeka Boulevard for up to three weeks while pavement patching is completed on the Polk-Quincy Viaduct.

The S.E. Adams Street and S.E. 8th Street on-ramps to westbound I-70 will be closed in the morning, and the contractor will begin placing traffic control signage to close off the corridor. Drivers should expect to use alternate routes by the afternoon.

The 8th Street exit will be the last open ramp for westbound motorists. Westbound I-70 through traffic will follow signed detours and be routed south to I-470, or north to K-4 to U.S. 24 to U.S. 75, or drivers can use the local street detour - Madison Avenue to 6th Street to Topeka Boulevard to the 1st Street I-70 on-ramp. Eastbound I-70 traffic will remain open, but still reduced to one lane.

Working in collaboration with the City of Topeka, KDOT has studied construction work zones in the area and researched traffic patterns. There will be increased traffic congestion, however, the designated detours will be able to handle the increase. Drivers should expect delays and plan their routes accordingly.

Once the pavement patching is complete, westbound I-70 will reopen to one lane. Both directions of I-70 will remain reduced to one lane from just east of MacVicar to S.E. 8th Street until construction of the viaduct's replacement is complete.

The Polk-Quincy Viaduct project is scheduled to begin in early 2025. More information about the project can be found at www.polkquincy.org.



**Westbound I-70/
Polk-Quincy Viaduct
closed to traffic
Aug. 15 – Sept. 2**

Westbound traffic traveling through I-70 will be redirected to use alternate highway routes.

Please visit
www.polkquincy.org
for project information.



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