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## **Bridge repairs on westbound I-70 to begin Wednesday**

The westbound portion of the multi-bridge repair project on I-70 in Topeka will begin ahead of schedule, according to the Kansas Department of Transportation.

Beginning Wednesday, June 1, weather permitting, westbound I-70 will be reduced to one lane, from approximately 8<sup>th</sup> Street to MacVicar Avenue. The lane reduction will be in place until late November while deck patching is completed on the Polk-Quincy Viaduct, 3<sup>rd</sup> Street and 4<sup>th</sup> Street bridges.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Street/SE Madison Street on-ramp to westbound I-70 will be closed for the duration of this year's work, with other temporary ramp closures possible as work progresses. Detours will be posted for motorists.

Work will resume on westbound I-70 next spring when patching, overlay and other repairs are completed on the bridges over the railroad tracks and Southeast Adams Street, located southeast of 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue. The eastbound corridor should be complete by November, weather permitting.

Speed will be reduced to 45 mph with an 11-foot-wide lane restriction in the work zone. Work will take place Monday through Friday, and Saturdays as needed, during daylight hours. Traffic delays are expected, especially during rush hours, and motorists are encouraged to use alternate routes.

Wildcat Construction Co., of Topeka, is the contractor on the \$5.57 million project, which is scheduled to be completed by November 2023.

KDOT urges all motorists to be alert and obey the warning signs when approaching and driving through a highway work zone. To stay aware of all road construction projects across Kansas, go to [www.kandrive.org](http://www.kandrive.org) or call 5-1-1.

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