

IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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Weekend I-70 closures to take place in Topeka

The Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) is reminding motorists that alternating closures of eastbound and westbound I-70 through downtown Topeka will take place this weekend, Dec. 3 and 4, weather permitting. Each direction of I-70 will close for a single day, beginning at 5 a.m. until work is complete, so crews can do pavement patching in the driving lanes and install permanent striping and signage.

Motorists should plan for the following:

- **Saturday, Dec. 3 – Eastbound I-70** from Topeka Boulevard to S.E. 8th Street will close to all traffic at approximately 5 a.m. The 1st Street exit will be the last open ramp for eastbound motorists. Eastbound I-70 through traffic will follow signed detours and be routed south to I-470, or north to U.S. 75 to U.S. 24 to K-4. Or, drivers can use the local street detour – 1st Street to Topeka Boulevard to 6th Street to Monroe Street to the 8th Street I-70 on-ramp. Westbound I-70 will remain open, but still reduced to one lane. *Temporary changes to the local detour will occur in the morning. Please follow the marked routes.*
- **Sunday, Dec. 4 – Westbound I-70** from S.E. 8th Street to Topeka Boulevard will close to all traffic at approximately 5 a.m. The 8th Street exit will be the last open ramp for westbound motorists. The S.E. Adams Street on-ramp to westbound I-70 will also be closed. 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 will remain open, but still reduced to one lane.

The westbound 4th Street exit and eastbound 3rd Street exit from I-70 are also scheduled to reopen on Saturday and Sunday, respectively.

Both directions of I-70 will stay reduced to one lane until construction of the new Polk-Quincy Viaduct is complete. Westbound I-70 will be reduced from S.E. Adams Street to Topeka Boulevard, and eastbound from the 1st Street exit to S.E. 8th Street. The Polk-Quincy Viaduct project is scheduled to begin in early 2025.

KDOT urges all motorists to be alert and obey the warning signs when approaching and driving through a highway work zone. For information about road construction projects across Kansas, go to www.kandrive.org or call 5-1-1.

INTERSTATE 70 I-70/Polk-Quincy Viaduct closure Dec. 3 and 4
5 a.m. until work is complete

Saturday, Dec. 3 – Eastbound I-70
Closed to traffic from Topeka Blvd. to S.E. 8th St. Westbound I-70 open, reduced to one lane.
Temporary changes to the local detour will occur in the morning. Please follow the marked routes.

Sunday, Dec. 4 – Westbound I-70
Closed to traffic from S.E. 8th St. to Topeka Blvd. Eastbound I-70 open, reduced to one lane.

Through traffic can use alternate highway routes or local street detour.

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TOPEKA POLK-QUINCY VIADUCT

Local westbound detour route
Local eastbound detour route

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