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## **Eastbound I-70 weekend closure scheduled in Topeka**

Eastbound I-70 through downtown Topeka will be closed this weekend while the Kansas Department of Transportation completes pavement patching on the Polk-Quincy Viaduct.

Weather permitting, eastbound I-70 will be closed from Topeka Boulevard to 8<sup>th</sup> Street beginning at 4 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 30. The closure will be in place until work is complete, or no later than 11:59 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 1.


The 1<sup>st</sup> Street exit will be the last open exit for eastbound motorists. 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: 1<sup>st</sup> Street to Topeka Boulevard to 6<sup>th</sup> Street to Monroe Street to the 8<sup>th</sup> Street I-70 on-ramp.

Westbound I-70 traffic will remain open, but still reduced to one lane.

Additional I-70 closures are expected in the coming weeks, as more pavement patching is needed on the viaduct. KDOT is working with the City of Topeka to schedule the closures and will provide information when available.

Both directions of I-70 will stay reduced to one lane 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](http://www.polkquincy.org).

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 highway construction projects across Kansas, go to [www.kandrive.org](http://www.kandrive.org) or call 5-1-1.



Eastbound I-70/  
Polk-Quincy Viaduct  
closure

Sept. 30 and Oct. 1  
4 a.m. until complete

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Eastbound I-70 closed to all  
traffic from Topeka Blvd. to  
S.E. 8th St.

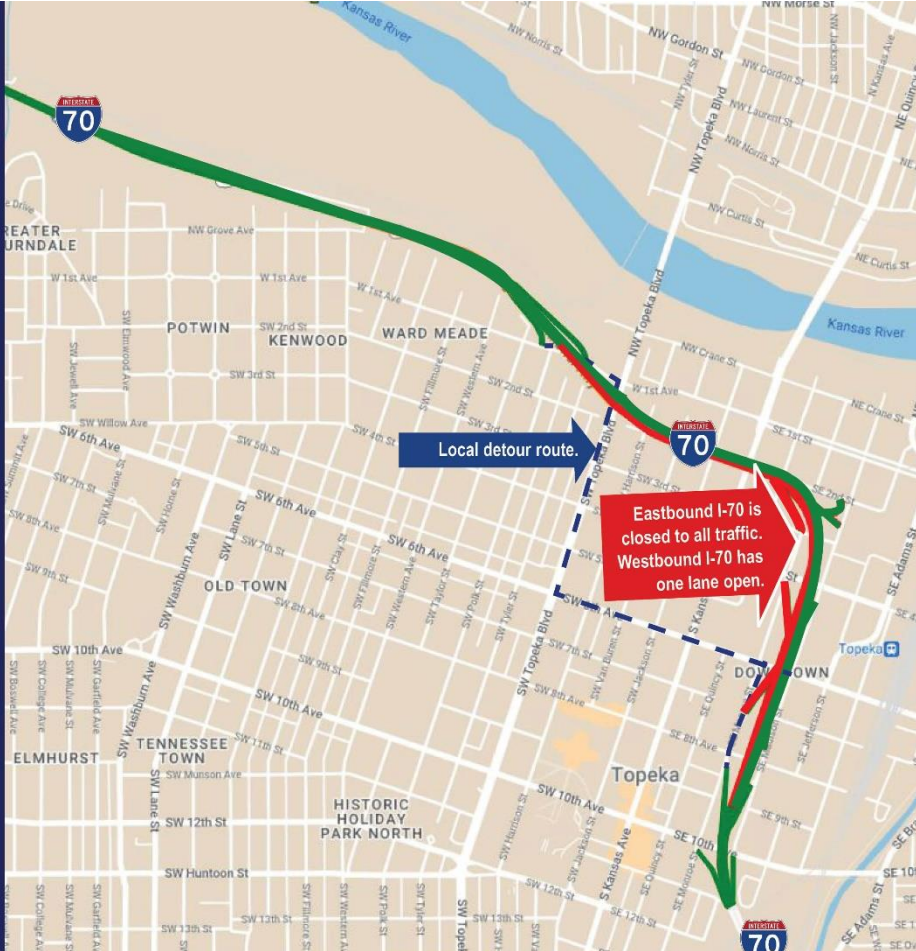
Through traffic can use  
local street detour or  
alternate highway routes.

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Please visit  
[www.polkquincy.org](http://www.polkquincy.org)  
for project information.



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