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Westbound I-70 in Topeka to close this weekend

The Kansas Department of Transportation will close westbound I-70 through downtown Topeka this weekend to complete pavement patching and striping on the Polk-Quincy Viaduct.

Weather permitting, westbound I-70 will be closed from 8th Street to Topeka Boulevard beginning at 4 a.m. on Saturday, May 20. The closure will be in place until work is complete, or no later than 11:59 p.m. on Sunday, May 21.

The 8th Street exit will be the last open exit for westbound motorists. 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.

During daylight hours on Saturday, the contractor will also stripe westbound I-70 lanes from California Avenue to the Adams Street exit, and from 10th Street to 8th Street. A truck with electronic signage will follow the mobile operation to alert motorists of the active work area. Drivers should be prepared for slow-moving traffic.

Additional I-70 closures are expected in the coming months, 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.

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 or call 5-1-1.



**Westbound I-70/
Polk-Quincy Viaduct
closure**



**May 20 and 21
4 a.m. until complete**


Westbound I-70 closed to all traffic from 8th St. to Topeka Blvd.

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

Eastbound I-70 open, reduced to one lane.

Please visit
www.polkquincy.org
for project information.



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