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Eastbound I-70 weekend closure planned in Topeka

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

Weather permitting, eastbound I-70 will be closed to traffic from 11 p.m. on Friday, April 19, until work is complete, or no later than 11:59 p.m., on Sunday, April 21.

Due to utility relocation work taking place on 1st Street, the I-70 closure area and local detour route will differ from previous closures.

The MacVicar Avenue 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: MacVicar Avenue to 6th Avenue to Monroe Street to the I-70 on-ramp.

The Gage Boulevard exit to eastbound I-70 will also close to lessen traffic exiting onto MacVicar Avenue.

Westbound I-70 traffic will remain open.

Additional I-70 closures may occur if further patching work is needed on the viaduct. If necessary, KDOT will work with the City of Topeka to schedule the closure and 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.

	<p>Eastbound I-70/Polk-Quincy Viaduct closure April 19 – 21 11 p.m. until complete Weather permitting</p>	<p>EB I-70 closed from MacVicar Ave. to 6th Ave. Local detour route: MacVicar Ave. to 6th Ave. to Monroe St. to EB I-70 on-ramp. Gage Blvd. and MacVicar Ave. on-ramps to EB I-70 will also close.</p>	<p>Please visit www.polkquincy.org for project information.</p>  
			

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