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## I-235 Weekend Closure for Bridge Demolition

I-235 and K-96 from N. Meridian to the north junction with I-135 will be closed this weekend, July 19 - 22, to allow contractors to demolish and remove the Seneca Street bridge over I-235. The closure will begin at 9 pm on Friday evening and could remain closed until as late as 6 am on Monday the  $22^{nd}$ .

A detour will route traffic from northbound I-235 and eastbound K-96 onto southbound I-235 to eastbound U.S. 54 to northbound I-135. Drivers are advised to plan extra time for their travels, find an alternate route that this highway route serves or to follow the posted detour.

Removal of the Seneca Street bridge over I-235 is a Phase 2 milestone in the threeyear \$51,337,971.52 construction project dubbed the 235 Green Project. Bergkamp King, A Joint Venture, LLC is the lead contractor.

The bridge will not be replaced and a new local road, 40th Street, has been constructed to provide access from North Meridian to homes, businesses and other sites on North Seneca.

More information about the Green Project is available at <u>www.235green.org</u>. The website includes project highlights, current traffic impacts, future construction impacts and links to fact sheets on this project as well as the Wichita North Junction reconstruction.

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