

TRAFFIC ALERT

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Gibbs Road Over I-635

EXPECT DELAYS! WEEKDAY & OVERNIGHT LANE/RAMP CLOSURES: The following lane/ramp closures are scheduled for demolition work on the Gibbs Road Bridge over I-635 beginning on **Monday, May 5**. All northbound and southbound I-635 lane closures will take place between Speaker Road (on the north end) to Merriam Lane (on the south end) in Kansas City, KS (Wyandotte County). See news release below for detailed project information.

Bridge demolition will be handled through a series of steps. First crews will use a piece of equipment called a breaker to literally break up the sections of the bridge deck that are not over the actual traffic lanes during daytime hours this week. Next, they will saw and then remove pieces of the bridge (via a backhoe and dump truck operation) that would normally be over traffic during the overnight hours this week. Then early next week, crews will remove the bridge girders via a crane operation during the overnight hours with short-rolling roadblocks for I-635 traffic. This work is all contingent on weather, so we will keep you updated as needed.

Monday, May 5, 2014:

8:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Southbound I-635 will be reduced to TWO OPEN lanes
9:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Northbound I-635 will be reduced to TWO OPEN lanes
7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. Northbound I-635 will be reduced to TWO OPEN lanes
9:00 p.m.-5:00 a.m. (Tues., May 6) Northbound I-635 will be reduced to ONE OPEN lane

Tuesday, May 6, 2014:

8:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Southbound I-635 will be reduced to TWO OPEN lanes
9:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Northbound I-635 will be reduced to TWO OPEN lanes
7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. Northbound/southbound I-635 will be reduced to TWO OPEN lanes
9:00 p.m.-5:00 a.m. (Wed., May 7) Northbound/southbound I-635 will be reduced to ONE OPEN lane

Wednesday, May 7, 2014:

7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. Northbound/southbound I-635 will be reduced to TWO OPEN lanes
9:00 p.m.-5:00 a.m. (Thurs., May 8) Northbound/southbound I-635 will be reduced to ONE OPEN lane

Thursday, May 8, 2014:

7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. Northbound/southbound I-635 will be reduced to TWO OPEN lanes
9:00 p.m.-5:00 a.m. (Friday, May 9) Northbound/southbound I-635 will be reduced to ONE OPEN lane

Friday, May 9, 2014:

9:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Northbound I-635 will be reduced to TWO OPEN lanes

Monday, May 12, 2014:

7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. Northbound/southbound I-635 will be reduced to TWO OPEN lanes
9:00 p.m.-5:00 a.m. (Tues., May 13) Northbound/southbound I-635 will be reduced to ONE OPEN lane

Ramps from eastbound and westbound I-70 to I-635 and from K-32 to southbound I-635 will be closed. Traffic will follow a marked detour via to 18th Street Expressway.

There will be rolling roadblocks for southbound I-635 traffic throughout the overnight hours to allow for the removal of bridge girders.

Tuesday, May 13, 2014:

7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. Northbound/southbound I-635 will be reduced to TWO OPEN lanes
9:00 p.m.-5:00 a.m. (Wed., May 14) Northbound/southbound I-635 will be reduced to ONE OPEN lane

Ramps from northbound and southbound I-35 to I-635 will be closed. Traffic will detour via I-35 to 18th Street Expressway to I-70.

There will be rolling roadblocks for northbound I-635 traffic throughout the overnight hours to allow for the removal of bridge girders.

Updated daily traffic information for this project and for the entire Kansas City Metro Area can be viewed online any time at: www.ksdot.org/kcmetro/laneclose.asp.

The Kansas Department of Transportation urges all motorists to be alert, obey the warning signs, and "Give 'Em a Brake!" when approaching and driving through the project work zone. **The scheduled completion date for the entire project is early September 2014, weather permitting.**

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