

TRAFFIC ALERT

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For Sunday, September 16, 2012 in Johnson County

K-7

Beginning at approximately **6:00 a.m. on Sunday, September 16**, Van Dyke Brothers, Inc. will be moving a large electric transformer (see dimensions below) from Old US-56 and Lone Elm Road in Olathe north on K-7 to 75th Street, where it will then be turned around and head south on K-7 to 83rd Street toward its final destination at 8949 Mize Road in Lenexa where it will be housed at a new Westar Energy Substation (see attached Westar Energy news release).

Electric Transformer Dimensions:

17' 2" Width
18' Height
227' Length
684,192 lbs

Traffic will be stopped in all four directions for approximately 5-10 minutes at the K-7 and 75th Street intersection so that the semi can make a U-turn before continuing south on K-7 to 83rd Street. This portion of the move is scheduled to take place this Sunday morning, September 16 between 7:30 a.m. and 9:30 a.m.

Drivers should **EXPECT MAJOR DELAYS** along the move route as the semi will be traveling slowly. Drivers are encouraged to use alternate routes on Sunday morning to avoid potential delays related to the move.

Move Route (See attached map for specific move route):

1. Semi will begin on northbound K-7 in Olathe from Railsiding just south of Old US-56 and continue northbound on K-7 over 119th Street (speed will be reduced over bridge), then continue northbound on K-7 to the College Boulevard interchange, using interchange ramps to bypass College Boulevard Bridge.

2. Continue on northbound K-7 over K-10 (speed will be reduced over bridge) then onward to K-7 and Prairie Star Parkway interchange, using interchange ramps to bypass Prairie Star Parkway Bridge.
3. Continue on northbound K-7 to West 83rd Street interchange, using interchange ramps to bypass 83rd Street Bridge.
4. Continue on northbound K-7 to West 75th Street, **where four pilot cars will stop traffic in all four directions for 5-10 minutes so that the semi can make a U-turn.** Crews will ramp over the curbing located in the middle of the K-7 and 75th Street median intersection. KDOT crews will be on hand to assist with this portion of the move.
5. Once the U-turn has been navigated, the semi will then head southbound on K-7 to West 83rd Street, then west on 83rd Street to Mize Road, then south to the final location at the new Westar Energy substation.

The move is scheduled to be completed on **Sunday, September 16, rain or shine.**

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