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Closures begin tomorrow for bridge maintenance project on U.S. 169/7th Street over I-70 in Wyandotte County

According to the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT), a bridge maintenance project on the U.S. 169/7th Street bridge over eastbound I-70 will begin June 14, with closures beginning June 9. The project will include pier, bridge bearing, and expansion joint maintenance, bridge bearing cleaning, and polymer overlay.

In preparation for the bridge maintenance project, the following traffic control events are scheduled to begin June 9: westbound I-70 to southbound U.S. 169/7th Street exit ramp will be closed; U.S. 169/7th Street traffic will be reduced from two lanes to one lane in each direction.

This ramp closure and lane reduction will remain for the duration of the project. Traffic wanting to utilize the westbound I-70 to southbound U.S. 169/7th Street exit ramp will be detoured to the 18th Street exit and directed back to southbound U.S. 169/7th Street on eastbound I-70. The detour will be signed.

During the project, while pier maintenance work is taking place, eastbound I-70 traffic will be shifted and both shoulders, inside and outside, will be closed.

Bridge maintenance work will occur approximately 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Monday to Friday. The first phase of the project is expected to be completed in late October.

R.A. Knapp Construction, Inc., of Lenexa, is the contractor for the \$722,000 project.

KDOT urges all motorists to be alert and obey the warning signs when approaching and driving through a highway work zone. For additional road condition details and road construction projects across Kansas go to www.kandrive.org or call 5-1-1. Drive safely and always wear your seat belt. *(updated June 9 to reflect accurate release date and County)*

The map below shows project location; ramp closure is marked in red, and detour route is marked in green.



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