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# Closures at I-70/I-635 interchange for bridge deck demolition June 3-6 in Wyandotte County Project continues to December, I-70 and I-635 traffic affected

Bridge deck demolition at the I-70/I-635 interchange in Wyandotte County is scheduled for June 3-6, weather permitting, and will require localized roadway and ramp closures. Eastbound and westbound I-70 will be closed at I-635 and traffic will be detoured.

The weekend closure schedule for bridge deck demolition is described below:

Friday, June 3

7 p.m. – lane closures begin on I-70, I-635, State Avenue and Kaw Drive

9 p.m. – I-70, I-635, State Avenue and Kaw Drive lanes and ramps closed to traffic

Monday, June 6

5 a.m. – I-70, I-635, State Avenue and Kaw Drive lanes and ramps reopened to traffic

This demolition is part of a Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) westbound I-70 to southbound I-635 ramp bridge deck replacement project.

The following will be closed from 9 p.m. Friday, June 3, to 5 a.m. Monday, June 6:

#### Mainline

- Westbound I-70, from Park Drive to I-635;
- Eastbound I-70 at I-635;
- State Avenue at I-635; and
- Kaw Drive, from 57<sup>th</sup> Street to Park Drive.

### **Ramps**

- Southbound I-635 to eastbound I-70 ramp; and
- Northbound I-635 to westbound I-70 ramp.

Sections of I-70 and I-635 will be reduced to a single lane of traffic from **7 p.m. Friday**, **June 3**, **to 5 a.m. Monday**, **June 6**:

- Westbound I-70, from U.S. 169 (7<sup>th</sup> Street) to I-635;
- Eastbound I-70, from Turner Diagonal Freeway to I-635;
- Northbound I-635, from K-32 (Kansas Avenue) to I-70; and
- Southbound I-635, from Orville Avenue to I-70.

Message boards alerting motorists are in place, notifying the start of the closures.

Detours will be marked and include the following:

- Westbound I-70 (red on detour map): Traffic will be directed to the collector/distributor ramp at exit 419. Detoured traffic will be directed to northbound I-635, then exit at State Avenue (exit 5). Traffic will turn around at State Avenue to travel back to westbound I-70 on southbound I-635.
- Eastbound I-70 (purple on detour map): Traffic will be directed to southbound I-635 to northbound I-35 to eastbound I-670, then back to the east side of the downtown loop (Kansas City, Mo.).
- **Northbound I-635 (green on detour map):** Traffic will be directed via eastbound I-70 to U.S. 69 (18<sup>th</sup> Street), where traffic will be directed back to westbound I-70 using the loop ramps at the I-70/U.S. 69 interchange. From there, traffic will be directed back to northbound I-635 via the collector/distributor ramp at exit 419.
- **Kaw Drive (blue on detour map):** At 57<sup>th</sup> Street, traffic will be directed north to State Avenue and travel east to 38<sup>th</sup> Street, then south on 38<sup>th</sup> Street to Kaw Drive/Park Drive.

# I-70/I-635 project continues to December

After I-70 and northbound I-635 open to traffic on Monday, June 6, work will continue to replace the westbound I-70 to southbound I-635 ramp bridge deck.

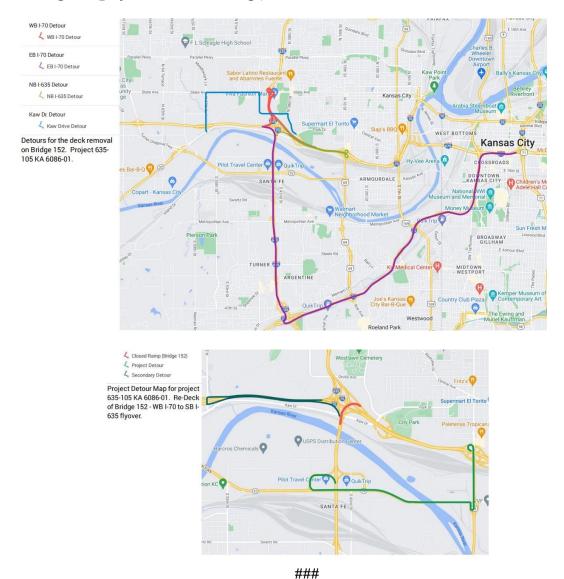
The westbound I-70 to southbound I-635 ramp will remain closed for the duration of the **project**, which is expected to be completed in late December. Project detours are marked as follows:

• **Primary detour (light green on project detour map):** westbound I-70 traffic will be directed to exit at U.S. 69 (18<sup>th</sup> Street) and travel south to K-32 (Kansas Avenue), then west to southbound I-635.

• **Secondary detour (dark green on project detour map):** westbound I-70 traffic will be directed to exit at 57<sup>th</sup> Street and turn around to enter eastbound I-70 and travel south to southbound I-635.

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 all road construction projects across Kansas, go to www.kandrive.org or call 5-1-1. Drive safely and always wear your seat belt.

Maps below show weekend detour routes in red, purple, green and blue and project detour routes in light green and dark green (project location in orange).



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