

# I-70 Polk-Quincy Viaduct

Shawnee County



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## PROJECT OVERVIEW

The I-70 Polk-Quincy Viaduct project spans from approximately MacVicar Ave. to 6<sup>th</sup> Ave. through downtown Topeka. The project will enhance safety, ease congestion and replace aging infrastructure. Construction began in early 2025, and has included:

- Initial construction of the new Polk-Quincy Viaduct structures
- Widening of I-70 between MacVicar Ave. and Topeka Blvd.
- Reconstruction of the I-70/Topeka Blvd. interchange
- Improvements to the local street network

Construction in 2026 will include connecting the highway to the new viaducts. From early summer to late fall, I-70 will be fully closed between Topeka Blvd. and 8<sup>th</sup> Ave. A map of the routed detour is to the right.

Construction in 2027 will focus on completing work on I-70 and the local city street network. Kansas Ave. will also be closed between 3<sup>rd</sup> St. and Laurent St. while I-70 connecting ramps are constructed. I-70 will be open in a reduced configuration for most of the year. Project completion is expected by the end of 2027.

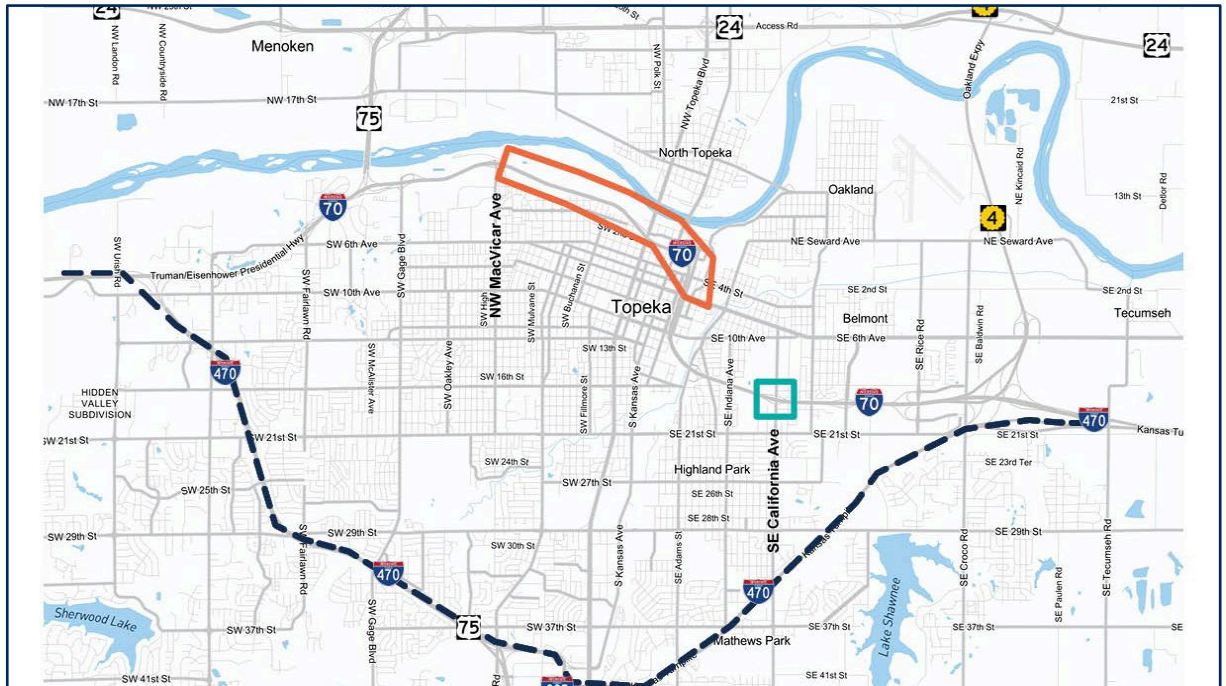
**Project work and timelines are conditions permitting and subject to change.**

2025 Construction hours worked: **16,421**



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Winter 2026



**LEGEND**

- Detour Route - Through Traffic
- Polk-Quincy Viaduct Project Limits
- California Avenue Bridge Project Limits

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## PROJECT DETAILS

<b>Cost Estimate</b>	<b>\$239 million</b>
<b>Length</b>	2.5 miles
<b>Scope</b>	Reconstruct I-70 to 6 lanes on a partial offset alignment.
<b>Status</b>	Construction

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## 2026 PROJECT SCHEDULE

### WINTER – *We are here*

- Widening of I-70 between MacVicar Ave. and Topeka Blvd. continues
- 4<sup>th</sup> St. bridge construction begins
- EB off ramp to Topeka Blvd. opens

### SPRING

- Topeka Blvd. bridge opens
- New viaduct and 4<sup>th</sup> St. bridge construction continues
- Construction on California Ave. bridge over I-70 begins

### SUMMER

- I-70 closed in both directions
- Work to connect new I-70 to EB viaduct bridge
- Construction on California Ave. bridge over I-70 continues

### FALL

- Work continues on I-70
- Work begins on frontage roads, Van Buren St. and Jackson St.
- Construction on California Ave. bridge over I-70 continues

### WINTER

- I-70 opens one-lane each direction
- Work continues on I-70 and Kansas Ave.
- Work continues on frontage roads, Van Buren St. and Jackson St.
- California Ave. bridge opens

## TOPEKA AREA PROJECT UPDATES

While I-70 is closed, a bridge replacement project will take place on the California Ave. bridge over I-70. This project will replace the existing 1964 bridge with a new structure built to modern specifications. Construction is anticipated to begin spring 2026 and be completed winter 2026, conditions permitting.

**To view the California Ave. over I-70 bridge project materials and detour maps, scan the QR code:**



The U.S. 24 improvements project between Goldwater Rd. in north Topeka and Muddy Creek in Jefferson County will focus on reconstructing the westbound lanes in 2026. Work will include full-depth pavement replacement and partial or total reconstruction of multiple bridges. U.S. 24 traffic will be one lane in each direction on the new eastbound lanes, and the south K-4/Oakland Expressway ramps to and from westbound U.S. 24 will close. The westbound U.S. 24 ramp to northbound K-4 will be closed for approximately 5 months. Once reopened, the southbound K-4 ramp to westbound U.S. 24 will close. The U.S. 24 project is expected to be fully complete in late 2027.

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