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# I-70 mill & Overlay in Dickinson County Update

Monday, Aug 19, 2013 I-70 traffic will be restricted to one lane in each direction on the westbound lanes with a width restriction of 13' on I-70 within the work zone located in Dickinson County. The construction work will take place on the eastbound lanes beginning 1 mile west of the I-70/K-15 Interchange east to a point 1.5 miles west of exit 281 (Chapman).

Once traffic has been shifted, the east bound lanes of I-70 will be milled and overlaid with 3.5" of concrete. Included in the project are improvements to ramps and some bridges within the work zone.

As a part of Mondays revised traffic control the eastbound ramps of the I-70/K-15 Interchange at Abilene and the eastbound ramps of the I-70/K-43 Interchange will be closed. Eastbound I-70 traffic wanting to exit at Abilene (K-15) will continue east to the Jeep Rd Interchange (277) exit I-70 then re-enter I-70 westbound exiting at K-15 in Abilene. Eastbound I-70 traffic wanting to exit at K-43 will continue east to the Chapman Interchange (286) exit I-70 then re-enter I-70 westbound exiting at K-43. These Interchange ramp closures shall be in effect until October 7, 2013.

I-70 eastbound and westbound lanes are scheduled to return to normal operations by mid-November prior to a winter shutdown.

Next spring all traffic will be moved onto the improved eastbound lanes while the westbound lanes, ramps and bridges are completed. Plans call for all construction to be completed on or about November 1, 2014 weather permitting. **Drivers should be prepared for changes in traffic control throughout construction.**

The purpose of the project is to extend the life of the highway and associated bridges while improving ride quality.

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