

TRAFFIC ALERT

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I-70 from Gage Boulevard to MacVicar Avenue

EXPECT DELAYS! WEEKEND DAY LANE CLOSURES: Eastbound and westbound I-70 right lanes from Gage Boulevard to MacVicar Avenue in Topeka will be **CLOSED** for utility work **beginning at 8:00 a.m. on Sunday, December 15 and the lanes will reopen to unrestricted traffic once the work is completed that same day.**

These lane closures are needed so Westar Energy crews can string new power lines across the highway. Westar Energy will be stringing three 1.25" power lines and one fiber optic line across I-70 in order to complete construction of the new 115kV transmission line from the Goodyear Substation to the Education Station Substation in Topeka.

There will be no lane width restriction but there will be a 55 mph posted speed limit through the project work zone. *See special note below.* Drivers should expect major delays during peak commute times and will be directed through the project work zone via signage and cones.

SPECIAL NOTE: The 55 mph posted speed limit for both eastbound and westbound I-70 from Gage Boulevard to MacVicar Avenue will be in effect, 24/7 round the clock, **beginning at 8:00 a.m. on Sunday, December 15 through late Thursday, December 19, weather permitting.** The speed limit reduction is needed as there will be ongoing utility work during this time period daily between 8:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. Also, equipment to complete the work will be located on the highway right of way, beyond the shoulder and the clear zone, during this same time period.

The Kansas Department of Transportation urges all motorists to be alert, obey the warning signs, and “Give ‘Em a Brake!” when approaching and driving through the project work zone.

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