

TRAFFIC ALERT

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K-State Home Game Day Weekend Travel Update for Saturday, September 15, 2012

For K-State fans heading to Manhattan for this Saturday's (September 15) Home Football Game, please take note of the following construction projects and traffic impacts that may impact your game day commute. **Drivers should expect significant delays through the active project work zones and should allow plenty of extra time for game day commutes.**

I-70

- **From Topeka west to Manhattan:**

Eastbound I-70 over five bridges including MacVicar Avenue, MoPac Railroad (between 10th Street & Adams Street interchanges), Washington Street and Deer Creek/Carnahan Avenue (in downtown Topeka) will be reduced to one lane though three separate work zones beginning at **7:00 p.m. on Friday, September 14 and reopening to all traffic at 6:00 a.m. on Monday, September 17.** In addition, the Adams Street to eastbound I-70 entrance ramp will be closed during this same timeframe. Traffic will be directed through the work zone via cones and signage. Project work is scheduled to be completed in late September 2012.

Westbound I-70 from Valencia Road to K-30 (Shawnee & Wabaunsee Counties) will be **REOPENED** to two lanes of traffic beginning **late Friday evening, September 14 through early Sunday morning, September 16** for game day traffic. On **Sunday morning, September 16,** westbound I-70 from Valencia Road to K-30 will again be reduced to one lane of traffic for pavement repair work. Traffic will be directed through the work zone via cones and signage. Project work is scheduled to be completed in late November 2012.

I-70

- **From Topeka west to Manhattan:**

Eastbound and westbound I-470 left lanes from 21st Street to east of Gage Boulevard (in west Topeka) will be closed (one lane open each direction), 24/7 round the clock, beginning at **7:00 p.m. on Friday, September 14 and reopening to all traffic at 6:00 a.m. on Monday, September 17** for pavement repair work. Traffic will be directed through the work zone via signage and cones. Project work is scheduled to be completed in late November 2012.

K-18

- **From the west to Manhattan:**

Eastbound and westbound K-18 from Ogden to Manhattan (Riley County) is reduced to one lane in each direction, 24/7 round the clock, for ongoing widening work. Traffic is directed through the project work zone via concrete barrier, signage and cones. Project work is scheduled to be completed in late fall 2013.

- **From the east to Manhattan:**

NEW! Eastbound and westbound K-18 from approximately one mile east of the city of Wabaussee to K-99 will be closed to replace the two bridges closest to K-99. The K-18 full closure over the two bridges will be 24/7 round the clock, beginning on Monday, September 10. A marked detour will be provided. Traffic will detour north on K-99, then west on US-24 and then back on K-18. Project work is scheduled to be completed in late fall 2013.

US-24

- **From Topeka west to Manhattan:**

Eastbound and westbound US-24 from Grantville Road to K-237 (Shawnee & Jefferson Counties) will be reduced to one lane each direction for pavement reconstruction work, 24/7 round the clock, throughout the project duration. Traffic is directed through the project work zone via concrete barrier, signage and cones. Project work is scheduled to be completed in late July 2013.

Eastbound and westbound US-24 over the railroad track bridges (east of Goodyear Plant in north Topeka) will be reduced to one lane each direction from approximately .5 mile on either side of both bridges, 24/7 round the clock,

throughout the project duration for bridge repair work. Traffic is directed across the bridge via cones and signage. Project work is scheduled to be completed in late October 2012.

Eastbound and westbound US-24 over the Bourbanis Creek and Ensign Creek bridges (located between Silver Lake and west of Rossville in Shawnee County) will be reduced to one lane for both directions, 24/7 round the clock, this weekend. Traffic is directed across both bridges via traffic signals at either end of the bridges. Project work is scheduled to be completed in late November 2012.

EXPECT MAJOR DELAYS! Westbound US-24 over Big Blue River Bridge at the east city limits of Manhattan (Pottawatomie County) reduced to one lane, 24/7 round the clock, for bridge repair work. Traffic is directed across the bridge via cones and signage. Project work is scheduled to be completed in late October 2012. **NOTE: The US-24 Big Blue River Bridge will not be reopened to two lanes of traffic this weekend for game day. Due to the type of repair work taking place on the bridge deck, the bridge must remain closed to one lane.**

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. Updated traffic information for these projects can be viewed online: www.ksdot.org/topekametro/laneclose.asp.

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