

TRAFFIC ALERT

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U.S. 24 & Topeka Boulevard Interchange Bridge Replacement Project

On **Sunday, October 13**, the new U.S. 24 over Topeka Boulevard bridge will **REOPEN** to unrestricted traffic. At that same time all interchange ramp access at the U.S. 24 and Topeka Boulevard interchange will be **CLOSED** to all traffic through mid-November 2013, so that crews can remove the shoofly detours and repave the ramps.

NOTE: There will be no access from northbound or southbound Topeka Boulevard onto eastbound or westbound U.S. 24. Northbound and southbound Topeka Boulevard traffic will continue to use the marked detour route. Topeka Boulevard traffic will detour via Northwest Menninger Road, North Kansas Avenue and Lyman Road.

Sometime late on **Wednesday, October 16**, northbound and southbound Topeka Boulevard through and under the new U.S. 24 bridge will be **REOPENED** to restricted traffic. Through traffic on Topeka Boulevard will be restricted so that crews can complete 180-foot of curb replacement work on both sides of the roadway. Drivers will be able to travel north and south on Topeka Boulevard, but will not be able to access U.S. 24 through mid-November 2013.

Semi-truck traffic will continue to follow the marked TRUCK DETOUR ROUTE that will utilize Topeka Boulevard to NW 35th Street to Kansas Avenue throughout the project duration (through mid-November 2013.). **Auto and general vehicle traffic should continue to use the marked detour route for Topeka Boulevard via Northwest Menninger Road, North Kansas Avenue and Lyman Road.**

Updated traffic information for this project can be viewed at:
www.ksdot.org/topekametro/laneclose.asp.

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.

The scheduled completion date for the entire bridge replacement project is mid-early December 2013, weather permitting. (*KDOT Project #24-89 KA 0461-01*)

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