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## **Multi-bridge repair project begins May 16 in Topeka**

A two-year, multi-bridge repair project on eastbound and westbound I-70, from MacVicar Avenue to California Avenue in Topeka, is scheduled to begin Monday, May 16, weather permitting.

According to the Kansas Department of Transportation, eastbound I-70 will be reduced starting next week, and the westbound lane reduction will begin in July. Both directions will then be reduced through the project corridor until late November. Work will resume on the westbound corridor next spring.

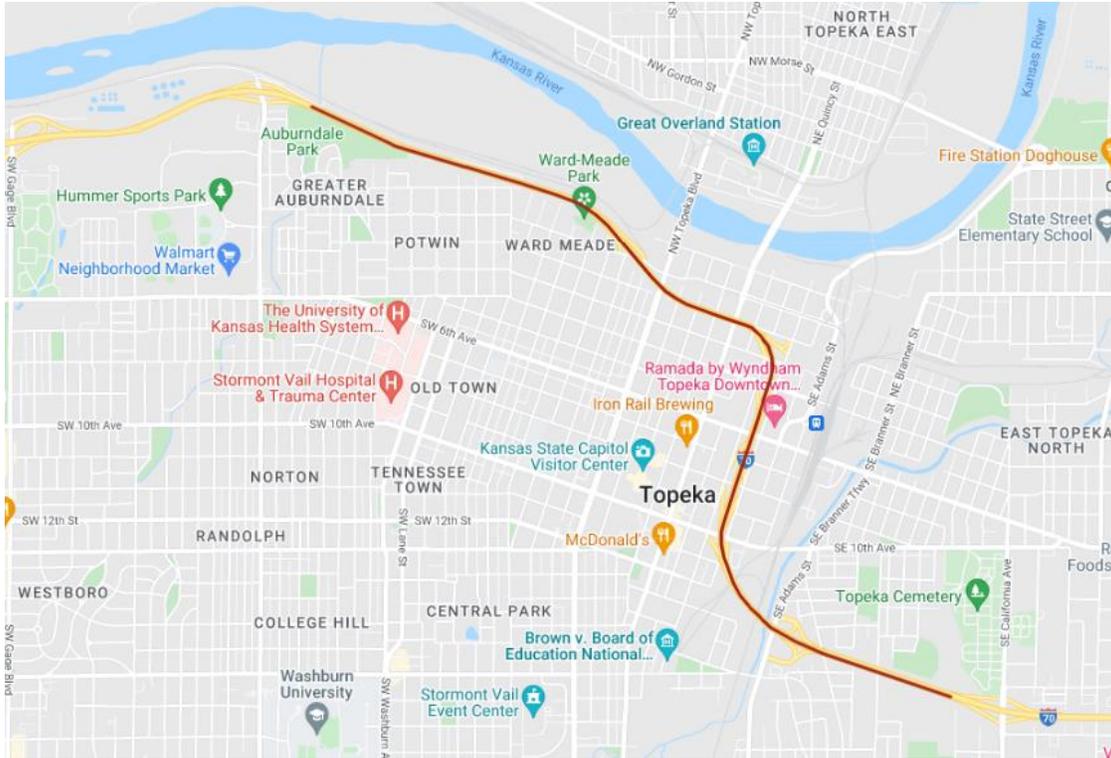
The 4<sup>th</sup> Street on-ramp to eastbound I-70 will be closed for the duration of this year's work, with other temporary ramp closures occurring as work progresses. Detours will be posted for motorists.

The project includes deck patching on the Polk-Quincy Viaduct, 3<sup>rd</sup> Street and 4<sup>th</sup> Street bridges. Patching, overlay and other repairs will be completed on the bridges over the railroad tracks and Southeast Adams Street, located southeast of 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

Speed will be reduced to 45 mph with an 11-foot-wide lane restriction in the work zone. Work will take place Monday through Friday, and Saturdays as needed, during daylight hours. Traffic delays are expected, especially during rush hours, and motorists are encouraged to use alternate routes.

Wildcat Construction Co., of Topeka, is the contractor on the \$5.57 million project, which is scheduled to be completed by November 2023.

KDOT urges all motorists to be alert and obey the warning signs when approaching and driving through a highway work zone. To stay aware of all road construction projects across Kansas, go to [www.kandrive.org](http://www.kandrive.org) or call 5-1-1.



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