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I-70 overnight work planned in Topeka next week

Overnight work is scheduled to occur on and near I-70 in downtown Topeka next week while the Kansas Department of Transportation completes drilling work and seismic sound tests to obtain geotechnical information for the Polk-Quincy Viaduct replacement project.

Work will take place on the nights of July 17-21, from 6 p.m. to 4:30 a.m., conditions permitting. Eastbound I-70 will be reduced to one lane between MacVicar Avenue and the 1st Street exit during those times, but will be reopened during daytime hours.

The seismic sound tests will require the 1st Street on- and off- ramps and 1st Street between S.W. Taylor and Topeka Boulevard to close on the night of Tuesday, July 18. Those in the surrounding area will likely hear periods of audible striking sounds during this time. Testing and closures are being done at night when traffic and noise volumes are low.

Seismic sound testing is a geophysical survey method used to profile underground features and locate utilities. Sound waves are sent through the ground to create images used in planning and designing the I-70/Polk-Quincy Viaduct replacement project.

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 highway construction projects across Kansas, go to www.kandrive.org or call 5-1-1.

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