

# Traffic Alert

## Kansas Department of Transportation Traffic Alert

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### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

## **RECOMMENDED ALTERNATE ROUTES in NORTHEAST KANSAS** **As of Thursday, July 14, 2011, 3:30 p.m.**

Due to road closures north of Kansas in neighboring states related to the Missouri River flooding, and ongoing construction projects in northeast Kansas, the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) is recommending alternate routes for travelers wishing to travel through northeast Kansas.

### **US-59/Amelia Earhart Bridge**

US-59 is **COMPLETELY CLOSED** to all traffic over the Amelia Earhart Bridge in Atchison County, Kansas to the US-59/US-45 junction in Buchanan County, Missouri, due to flooding on the Missouri side of US-59 (as of 9:45 p.m. on Monday, June 27).

**Alternate Routes for Missouri River Bridge Crossings:** Until further notice, drivers can follow K-7 north to US-36 east and cross over the Pony Express/US-36 bridge in St. Joseph, MO, and/or drivers can travel K-7 south and cross the Centennial Bridge/K-92 in Leavenworth, KS.

**Missouri Route 45 is not an alternate route:** The Missouri Department of Transportation has closed Route 45 to through traffic from US-59 to Route H in the city of Weston.

*NOTE: The repair project on the Centennial Bridge/K-92 in Leavenworth, Kansas, was **SUSPENDED** and all lanes on the bridge were reopened to traffic on Friday, July 1, 2011.*

### **US-36**

US-36 is **OPEN** to all traffic both in Kansas and east across the Pony Express Bridge into Missouri. However, the portion of **US-36 between the cities of Fairview and Hiawatha** is **NOT RECOMMENDED** as an alternate route through northeast Kansas due to existing construction projects and related lane closures that result in **\*\*significant delays.\*\***

*NOTE: A two bridge replacement project on US-36 has traffic **restricted to ONE 12-foot wide lane across the Walnut Creek Bridge and ONE 10-foot wide lane across the Spring Creek bridge.** Traffic is directed by traffic signals across both bridges causing delays with heavy traffic.*

The **recommended route** (utilizing a portion of US-36) through northeast Kansas is as follows:

- For southbound travelers into Kansas: Take US-75 south to K-20 east to US-73 then north to US-36 east.
- For northbound/westbound travelers into Nebraska/Kansas from Missouri: take US-36 west to US-73 south to K-20 west to US-75 north.

**For Kansas Road Information related to flooding:** **KanDrive** is the online travel info portal, [www.KanDrive.org](http://www.KanDrive.org), that displays information from KDOT's traveler information technology, including highway cameras, dynamic message signs, traffic management centers and 511 phone, online and mobile (<http://511mm.ksdot.org>). Travelers can obtain updated road conditions simply by calling 511 from any phone (landline or cellular), or by clicking on the following link: <http://511.ksdot.org>, drivers can obtain updated all of Kansas road conditions at **anytime, day or night.**

**For Kansas Road Information related to flooding:** <http://www.ksdot.org/flood.asp>

**For Nebraska Road Information related to flooding:** <http://www.roads.ne.gov/flood/flood-roads.pdf>

**For Missouri Road Information related to flooding:** <http://maps.modot.mo.gov/timi/>

**For Iowa Road Information related to flooding:** <http://www.iowadot.gov/floods/index.html>

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