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US-54/400 between Wichita and Augusta to be detoured for bridge removal

To facilitate the removal of an abandoned railroad bridge, US-54/400 highway traffic will be detoured between K-96 highway in east Wichita and Santa Fe Lake Road (three miles west of Augusta). US-54/400 will be closed at the site of the railroad bridge which is located just west of Santa Fe Lake Road; all other sections of US-54/400 between Augusta and Wichita will be open for local traffic. The removal of this unused railroad bridge will remove a height restriction that limits some truck shipments on this section of the highway.

This section of US-54/400 will be closed to through traffic during the overnight hours from 8 PM to 8 AM the next morning, for three nights, Friday, November 14; Saturday, November 15; and Sunday, November 16, and opening Monday, November 17 at 6 AM when the bridge removal is completed.

A signed detour will route eastbound US-54/400 traffic in the Wichita area (west of the railroad bridge) to use K-96 highway north to 21st Street, then east on 21st Street/SW 70th Street to Santa Fe Lake Road, then south on Santa Fe Lake Road returning to US-54/400. Westbound US-54/400 traffic will be directed to use Santa Fe Lake Road north to SW 70th Street, then west on SW 70th Street/21st Street to K-96 highway, then south on K-96 highway returning to US-54/400.
Oversized loads will not be able to navigate the detour, so over length or over width trucks will need to use an alternate route during these closure time periods. Highway construction project locations and road condition information can be viewed at the [http://511.ksdot.org](http://511.ksdot.org) website, or can also be accessed by telephone by dialing 511. KDOT urges all motorists to be alert, obey the warning signs, and “Give 'Em a Brake!” when approaching and driving through a highway work zone. Persons with questions about this road work or other KDOT projects can call South Central Kansas Public Affairs Manager, Martin Miller, at 620-663-3361 or 1-877-550-5368 (Toll free).

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