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Traffic changes on I-70 in Junction City

Beginning late this week, the week of Sept. 11, motorists should anticipate traffic changes on I-70 in Junction City as construction progresses for phase one.

The on ramp from Marshall Field (exit 301) to westbound I-70 will close to traffic, and motorists will need to use an alternate route. In addition, traffic through construction on I-70 will continue to be reduced to one lane in each direction, but median crossovers will carry westbound traffic through construction on the eastbound lanes. The speed limit reduction will also remain in effect.

The project on I-70 extends from Washington Street (exit 296) east four miles to K-57 (exit 300). Motorists traveling through construction should continue to anticipate extended delays during times of high traffic volume and use alternate routes when possible. Construction is part of a multi-phase \$30 million project including construction of temporary crossovers, pavement replacement, replacement of drainage structures, rehabbing bridges, and resurfacing of some local routes.

The contractor has scheduled phase one work on the westbound lanes to be completed and the on ramp at Marshall Field to open in mid-November. There will then be unrestricted travel over the winter, when phase one is complete. Travel restriction will begin in the spring of 2024 when phase two construction starts.

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.gov or call 5-1-1.

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