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K-18 Traffic Switches

On **Sunday, December 9,** the connection point of Murray Road to K-18 will be CLOSED to all traffic. At this same time, the connection of Skyway Drive to Scenic Drive at the north roundabout on Scenic Drive will OPEN to all traffic. Traffic wishing to access the adjacent business area must use the connection from Scenic Drive to Skyway Drive via the roundabout on Scenic Drive.

On **Tuesday or Wednesday, December 11-12, weather permitting,** westbound K-18 traffic travelling from Manhattan will be switched to the new westbound lanes. The new entrance and exit ramps for westbound K-18 traffic at the Miller Parkway and the Scenic Drive interchanges will be OPENED to unrestricted traffic. Eastbound K-18 traffic will stay on the existing eastbound lanes of K-18.

During the **remainder of the week**, **December 10-15**, both <u>eastbound and westbound K-18 traffic</u> will be restricted to one lane while traffic control is removed and permanent pavement marking is placed.

On **Saturday**, **December 15**, **weather permitting**, <u>eastbound and westbound K-18</u> will be OPENED to two lanes of unrestricted traffic in each direction for the upcoming winter season.

Drivers should expect delays during peak travel times and should use alternate routes if possible. Updated traffic information for this project is available at: http://www.ksdot.org/topekaMetro/projectstudyNEKS.asp.

The Kansas Department of Transportation urges all motorists to be alert, obey the warning signs, and "Give 'Em a Brake!" when approaching and driving through the project work zone.

These closures are for construction work on the overall improvement project that will reconstruct a seven-mile stretch of K-18 from Manhattan to Ogden to a freeway when completed. There are three construction phases included in the overall K-18 improvement project.

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