

Traffic Alert

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For March 6-19, 2012 in Manhattan/Riley County

K-18

On **Tuesday, March 6**, eastbound K-18 left lane was **CLOSED** from the crossover located just west of the airport, east to Eureka Valley Tributary (just west of Scenic Drive.). This lane closure will keep eastbound traffic in a one lane configuration as they now travel through the new K-114/K-18 interchange in Ogden and continue in one lane until they are east of the Eureka Valley Tributary.

On **Thursday, March 8**, eastbound traffic will then again be reduced to one lane further east. Eastbound traffic was reduced to one lane from the new K-114/K-18 interchange in Ogden east to the Stagg Hill Road area.

On **Monday, March 12 through Friday, March 16**, there will be lane closures at the crossover west of the airport. The crossover is now being used by westbound traffic on K-18 whom is heading to I-70 by moving across into the passing lane of the eastbound lanes. Starting on **Monday, March 19** (see below), all traffic will be in the eastbound lanes (head to head), so at that point in time, this crossover will then be used for westbound K-18 traffic wanting to go to Ogden, Wildcat Creek Road, or 68th Avenue.

On **Monday, March 19**, eastbound and westbound K-18 traffic will be head to head in the existing eastbound K-18 lanes from Ogden east to Seth Child Road in Manhattan.
K-18 traffic will remain in this configuration until mid-November 2012.

All of these varying lane closures are needed to prepare for the closure of K-18 at Miller Parkway and Davis Drive which will also begin on **Monday, March 19**. K-18 access to and from Miller Parkway and Davis Drive will be **CLOSED** beginning Monday, March 19. **Miller Parkway will reopen in November 2012 via use of the westbound ramps with right in, right out movements only. Davis Drive will reopen in Fall 2013, when the new interchange is completed.**

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>.

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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