

Traffic Alert

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For Thursday, May 24 & Tuesday/Wednesday, May 29-30, 2012 in Ogden-Manhattan (Riley County)

K-18 Traffic Switch for Ogden/Fort Riley Gate: Thursday, May 24

During the day on **Thursday, May 24**, a traffic switch will take place for K-18 traffic entering and exiting the Ogden/Fort Riley area. The traffic switch will start Thursday morning after morning rush hour in Ogden and take place throughout the day until complete.

The westbound K-18 exit currently being used to access Ogden and the Ogden Gate to Fort Riley will be closed, so traffic will need to utilize the following routes:

To enter the Ogden Gate to Fort Riley: Westbound K-18 traffic (from Manhattan) will proceed on K-18 approximately 1/2-mile further west before using a new crossover onto the new westbound lane of K-18 in a one-lane configuration. Westbound traffic will take the exit ramp to K-114, turn right at the ramp and follow the new K-114 alignment into Ogden. (Note: Westbound K-18 lanes will remain closed past the exit ramp to K-114.)

To exit the Ogden Gate from Fort Riley: Traffic will utilize the new alignment of K-114 into the new K-18/K-114 interchange.

K-18 Temporary Closure: Tuesday/Wednesday, May 29-30

On **Tuesday evening, May 29**, K-18 at Walnut Street will be closed so that crews can begin preparation work for the setting of bridge beams for the Walnut Street Bridge over K-18. **K-18 at Walnut Street will be closed beginning at 9:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 29 and will reopen to all traffic at 5:00 a.m. on Wednesday, May 30.**

Advance message boards will alert drivers on I-70 and on K-18 in Manhattan to the roadway closure. Drivers should expect delays during peak travel times and should use

alternate routes during the roadway closure. Updated traffic information for this K-18 project is available at: <http://www.ksdot.org/topekaMetro/projectstudyNEKS.asp>.

These closures are needed 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. The scheduled completion date for phase one construction is Fall 2012 and for phase two and three construction is Fall 2013.

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