

Traffic Alert

Kansas Department of Transportation Traffic Alert

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

RECOMMENDED ALTERNATE ROUTES in NORTHEAST KANSAS

As of Friday, July 1, 2011, 11:15 a.m.

Due to road closures north of Kansas in neighboring states related to the Missouri River flooding, and ongoing construction projects in northeast Kansas, the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) is recommending alternate routes for travelers wishing to travel through northeast Kansas.

US-59/Amelia Earhart Bridge

US-59 is **NOW COMPLETELY CLOSED** to all traffic over the Amelia Earhart Bridge in Atchison County, Kansas to the US-59/US-45 junction in Buchanan County, Missouri, due to flooding on the Missouri side of US-59 (as of 9:45 p.m. on Monday, June 27).

Alternate Routes for Missouri River Bridge Crossings: Until further notice, drivers can follow K-7 north to US-36 east and cross over the Pony Express/US-36 bridge in St. Joseph, MO, and/or drivers can travel K-7 south and cross the Centennial Bridge/K-92 in Leavenworth, KS.

Missouri Route 45 is no longer an alternate route: The Missouri Department of Transportation will begin closing Route 45 at the Platte River near Farley by 8:30 a.m. on Friday morning, July 1, closing the road to through traffic from MO 92 to I-435.

NOTE: The repair project on the Centennial Bridge/K-92 in Leavenworth, Kansas, has been **SUSPENDED** and all lanes on the bridge will be reopened to all traffic by early evening, on Friday, July 1, 2011.

US-36

US-36 is **not recommended** as an alternate route through northeast Kansas due to existing construction projects and lane closures. **NOTE:** A two bridge replacement project on US-36 has traffic restricted to ONE 12-foot wide lane across both bridges. Traffic is directed by traffic signals across both bridges causing delays with heavy traffic.

The **recommended route** through northeast Kansas is as follows:

- For southbound travelers into Kansas: Take US-75 south to K-20 east to US-73 then north to US-36 east. **UPDATE: The resurfacing project on US-36 in Brown County was suspended earlier in the week. Project work will resume at a later date, once flooding on the Missouri River has subsided.**
- For northbound/westbound travelers into Nebraska/Kansas from Missouri: take US-36 west to US-73 south to K-20 west to US-75 north.

For Kansas Road Information related to flooding: **KanDrive** is the online travel info portal, www.KanDrive.org, that displays information from KDOT's traveler information technology, including highway cameras, dynamic message signs, traffic management centers and 511 phone, online and mobile (<http://511mm.ksdot.org>). Travelers can obtain updated road conditions simply by calling 511 from any phone (landline or cellular), or by clicking on the following link: <http://511.ksdot.org>, drivers can obtain updated all of Kansas road conditions at **anytime, day or night.**

For Kansas Road Information related to flooding: <http://www.ksdot.org/flood.asp>

For Nebraska Road Information related to flooding: <http://www.roads.ne.gov/flood/flood-roads.pdf>

For Missouri Road Information related to flooding: <http://maps.modot.mo.gov/timi/>

For Iowa Road Information related to flooding: <http://www.iowadot.gov/floods/index.html>

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