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## **Lewis & Clark Viaduct bridge reconstruction**

Work is anticipated to begin on a portion of the Lewis & Clark Viaduct in early 2018 in Kansas City, Kansas. The project will include closure of the I-70 westbound bridge and off-ramps of the viaduct to facilitate reconstruction of the bridge. The letting for this project is anticipated for mid-November.

The Lewis and Clark Viaduct is a series of bridges that provide a vital link for I-70 across the Kansas River and connect Kansas City, Kansas and Kansas City, Missouri. KDOT completed a study in December 2012 to examine the condition of each of the nine bridges making up the Viaduct and developed a priority phasing plan for rehabilitation and/or replacement of the existing bridges.

The upcoming reconstruction project will replace the existing I-70 westbound bridge structure and provide connections to I-70 to the west, Minnesota Avenue, Washington Boulevard and Fairfax Trafficway.

The project partners various government and private entities from across the Kansas City Metro-area, including the Kansas Department of Transportation, the Unified Government of Wyandotte County and Kansas City, Kansas, the Missouri Department of Transportation, KC Scout, the City of Kansas City, Missouri and the Mid-America Regional Council.

The total cost of the project is expected to be around \$64 million and construction is expected to begin in early 2018.

Further information on detours during construction will be provided. Updated daily traffic information for this project and for the entire Kansas City Metro Area can be viewed at: [www.ksdot.org/kcmetro/laneclose.asp](http://www.ksdot.org/kcmetro/laneclose.asp).

Motorists are asked to use extra caution in the work zone area.

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