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**K-10 bridge work will begin July 11 in western Johnson County**

Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) bridge improvement work on multiple K-10 bridges, between Eudora and K-7 in Johnson County, is scheduled to begin Monday, July 11, weather permitting.

These bridge upgrades are a part of the KDOT Eisenhower Legacy Transportation Program (IKE) to invest in critical infrastructure of Kansas.

The project corridor will begin roughly 3.5 miles east of Eudora and end 2 miles west of the K-10/K-7 interchange. Work will take place on the following westbound K-10 bridges: Evening Star Road, Sunflower Road, Lexington Avenue, Kill Creek, Camp Creek and Cedar Creek; and the following eastbound K-10 bridges: Cedar Creek Road and Cedar Creek Parkway.

Improvements on the Lexington Avenue bridge include bridge deck replacement, repainting bridge girders and upgraded drainage. Work on other bridges will include deck patching and overlay. Clarkson Construction, of Kansas City, Mo., is the contractor for the \$4.5 million Lexington Avenue and Kill Creek project work. Other project work will cost approximately \$2.9 million and is currently open for bid.

Beginning Monday, July 11, eastbound and westbound K-10 will be reduced to one lane in each direction in work areas. Westbound K-10 traffic will be reduced to one lane starting near Kill Creek Road and eastbound K-10 traffic will be reduced to one lane near De Soto. A section of the project will utilize crossovers, asphalt roads constructed in the median, to direct traffic to travel head-to-head and then back to originating lanes.

On Monday, July 25, the westbound K-10 to Lexington Avenue exit ramp will close and remain closed to traffic for the duration of the project. Detour will be marked. Westbound K-10 traffic will be detoured to exit at Edgerton Road and turn to travel south, then enter eastbound K-10 and exit at Lexington Avenue.

The Lexington Avenue bridge will require demolition prior to construction. Demolition is scheduled for 8 p.m. Friday, July 29 through 5 a.m. Monday, August 1. During demolition, northbound and southbound Lexington Avenue will be closed at K-10.

Traffic will be controlled using lane and ramp closures, portable message signs, arrow boards, signage, traffic cones and barricades.

KDOT encourages those traveling in the area to look for alternate routes and be prepared for slowing or stopped traffic in the project corridor. Closures and signage will be updated as work progresses; work zone speed limits will be active for the duration of the project.

Work will take place from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday and is expected to be completed in early December.

Updates with the latest traffic control details will be made available on the project website along with a request form to receive email updates here: [bit.ly/k10bridges](http://bit.ly/k10bridges).

KDOT urges motorists to be alert and obey the warning signs when approaching and driving through highway work zones. For additional road condition details and road construction projects across Kansas go to [www.kandrive.org](http://www.kandrive.org) or call 5-1-1. Drive safely and always wear your seat belt.

*Map below shows project locations.*



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