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Shawnee Drive bridge project begins tomorrow in Wyandotte County

A Kansas Department of Transportation bridge deck replacement project at Shawnee Drive over I-635 will begin Wednesday, March 15, in Wyandotte County, weather permitting.

On Friday, March 17, the Shawnee Drive bridge will fully close to traffic and remain closed until September.

Detours for Shawnee Drive will be marked directing traffic toward Merriam Lane and Metropolitan Avenue. I-635 entrance and exit ramps at Merriam Lane and Metropolitan Avenue will be used as turnarounds for Shawnee Drive motorists wanting to travel to the opposite side of the Shawnee Drive bridge.

Bridge deck demolition will require full closure of a segment of northbound and southbound I-635 at Shawnee Drive from 9 p.m. Friday, March 31, to 5 a.m. Monday, April 1. Temporary detours during demolition will be marked.

For the duration of the project, all adjacent I-635 ramps will remain open to traffic. Short-term overnight lane closures will be scheduled, as necessary, on northbound and southbound I-635.

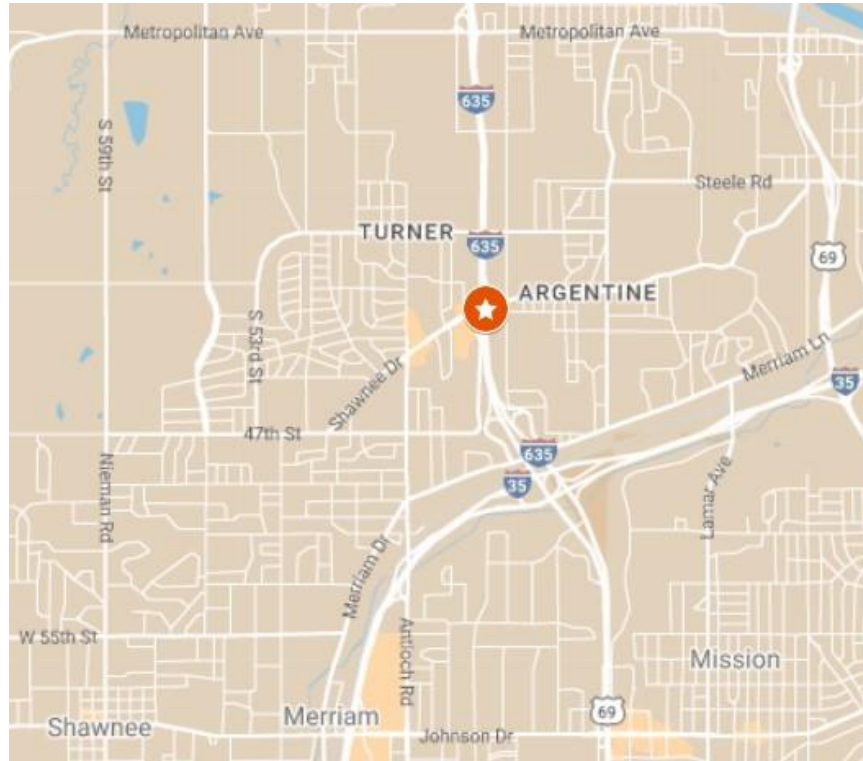
Traffic control signs, devices and message boards will be used to direct traffic through the project work zone and project detours.

Work will take place daily, Monday through Friday, from 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., and Saturdays, as necessary.

Miles Excavating, of Basehor, is the contractor for the \$2.7 million project. The Shawnee Drive bridge is scheduled to reopen to traffic in September and the project is expected to be completed in November.

KDOT urges all motorists to be alert and obey the warning signs when approaching and driving through a highway work zone. To stay aware of all road construction projects across Kansas go to www.kandrive.org or call 5-1-1. Drive safely and always wear your seat belt.

Map below shows project location.



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