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## Eastbound I-70 in Topeka to close this weekend

Eastbound I-70 through downtown Topeka will be closed this weekend while the Kansas Department of Transportation completes pavement patching on the Polk-Quincy Viaduct.

Conditions permitting, eastbound I-70 will be closed **from MacVicar Avenue to 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue beginning at 11 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 23**. The closure will be in place until work is complete, or no later than 11:59 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 25.

Due to utility relocation work taking place on 1<sup>st</sup> Street, the MacVicar Avenue exit will be the last open exit for eastbound motorists. Through traffic can follow signed detours and be routed south to I-470, or north to U.S. 75 to U.S. 24 to K-4. Or drivers can use the local street detour: MacVicar Avenue to 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue to Monroe Street to the I-70 on-ramp.

The Gage Boulevard ramp onto eastbound I-70 will also close to lessen traffic exiting onto MacVicar Avenue.

Westbound I-70 will remain open.

Additional I-70 closures may occur if further patching work is needed on the viaduct. If necessary, KDOT will work with the City of Topeka to schedule the closure and provide information when available.

Both directions of I-70 will stay reduced to one lane until construction of the viaduct's replacement is complete. The Polk-Quincy Viaduct project is scheduled to begin in early 2025. More information about the project can be found at [www.polkquincy.org](http://www.polkquincy.org).

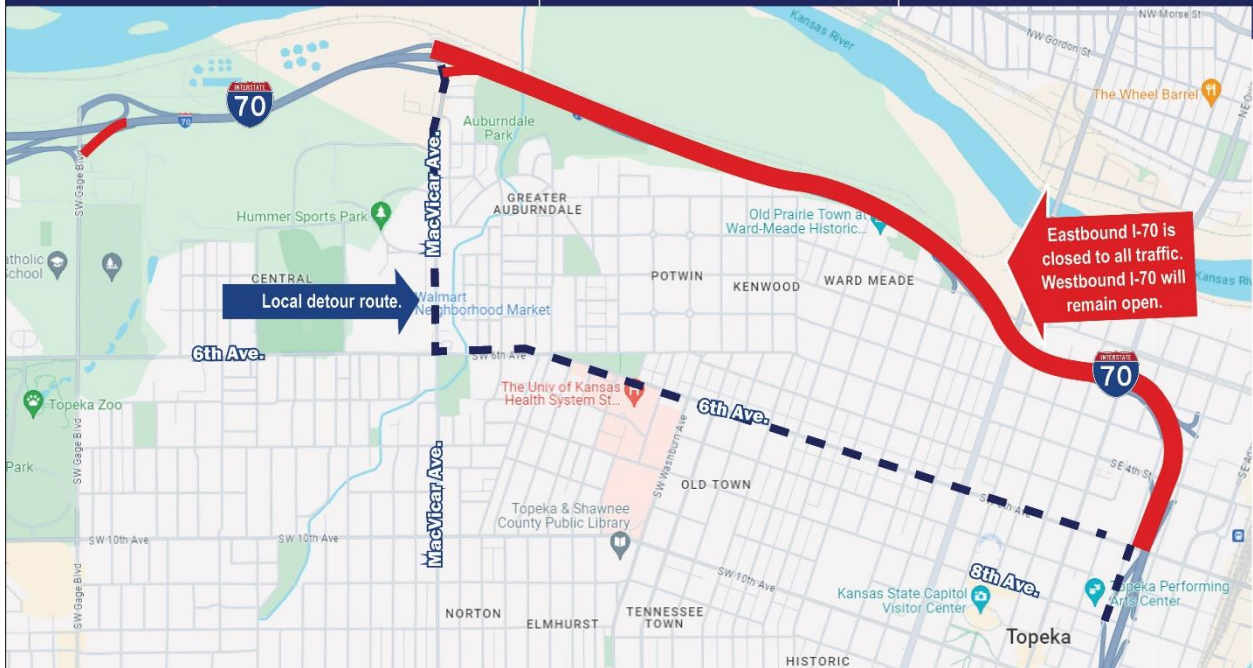
KDOT urges all motorists to be alert and obey the warning signs when approaching and driving through a highway work zone. To stay aware of highway construction projects across Kansas, go to [www.kandrive.org](http://www.kandrive.org) or call 5-1-1.



**Eastbound  
I-70/Polk-Quincy  
Viaduct closure  
Aug. 23 – 25**  
11 p.m. until complete  
Conditions permitting

EB I-70 closed from MacVicar Ave.  
to 6th Ave.  
Local detour route:  
MacVicar Ave. to 6th Ave. to  
Monroe St. to EB I-70 on-ramp.  
Gage Blvd. and MacVicar Ave.  
on-ramps to EB I-70 will also close.

Please visit  
[www.polkquincy.org](http://www.polkquincy.org)  
for project information.



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