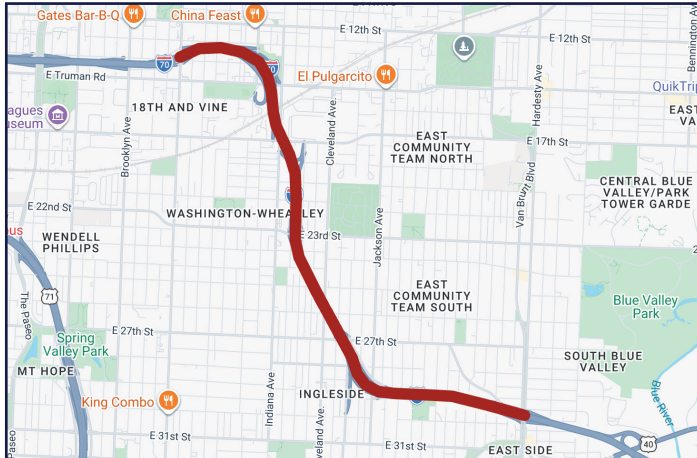


FAQS: IMPROVE I-70 KC

What is Improve I-70 KC?

The Kansas City District of the Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT), in coordination with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), is improving Interstate 70 (I-70) between The Paseo Boulevard and U.S. 40/31st Street, also known as Improve I-70 KC.



What are the official detour routes for local and metro-area traffic?

Due to the project area size, there will not be a singular detour route to accommodate all of the traffic for this closure. MoDOT encourages motorists to plan alternative routes in advance and choose the detour that best meets their individual travel needs. MoDOT will maintain access to many of the cross streets for local traffic to navigate the area during the closure. Signed detour routes will be designated for city street closures. Metro-area traffic is encouraged to utilize the highway system throughout Kansas City to navigate the closure. This includes I-435, I-35, I-29, I-635, US-71, or other alternate routes. I-435 and I-35 will be signed. For those traveling to and from the downtown Kansas City area to the Truman Sports Complex area, use I-35 and I-435 to the north or US-71 and I-435 to the south.

What is the detour route for regional I-70 through traffic?

MoDOT will detour regional travelers passing through the Kansas City area on I-70 to use I-435 and I-470 to loop south of the closure. Travelers on the Missouri and Kansas sides will be directed to this route using Kansas City Scout's overhead message boards.

When does the closure begin and how long will it last?

The closure begins in early-January 2027, and is scheduled through mid-December 2027 (approximately 11 months), weather and unforeseen circumstances permitting.

Why does the interstate have to close completely?

A complete closure allows the work to be completed significantly faster than if the work was done under typical staged construction. A full closure also maximizes safety for motorists, pedestrians and workers, and minimizes overall long-term inconvenience to motorists and the local community.

What improvements are being made during the 11 months?

Work taking place during the closure will include construction of a fourth eastbound thru-lane on I-70 between Prospect Ave. and Van Brunt Blvd., replacement of the mainline bridges, reconstruction of the Benton and Jackson curves, and additional related improvements on this section of I-70.

Will it be closed in both directions or just one?

I-70 will be completely closed in both directions between Prospect Ave. and Van Brunt Blvd.

Exactly which section of I-70 is closing?

I-70 east of downtown Kansas City will be closed between Prospect Ave. and Van Brunt Blvd. MoDOT will maintain access to most of the cross streets for local traffic to navigate the area during the closure. Signed detour routes will be designated for city street closures.



How will daily commuters get downtown?

MoDOT will maintain access to many of the cross streets for local traffic to navigate the area during the closure. Commuters should allow for extra travel time, consider adjusting departure times, use real-time navigation, and determine the best route depending on the origin and destination, as well as current traffic conditions.

How will game day traffic (Chiefs/Royals) work?

MoDOT recommends that fan traffic between downtown Kansas City and the Truman Sports Complex avoid the central I-70 corridor entirely during the 11-month closure.

From downtown KC to the Stadiums:

Drivers are encouraged to use I-35 North to I-435 South, or US-71 South to I-435 North.

From the Stadiums back to downtown:

Drivers can utilize I-435 North to I-35 South, or I-435 South to US-71 North.

Stadium directional signs will be updated to guide game day traffic along these designated regional loops.

Will trucks divert through neighborhoods?

Regional truck traffic will be directed to remain on the interstate system rather than use neighborhood streets as a detour. This includes I-435, I-35, I-29, I-635, US-71, or other alternate routes. I-435 and I-35 will be signed. MoDOT will detour regional travelers passing through the KC area on I-70 to use I-435 and I-470 to loop south of the closure. Travelers on the Missouri and Kansas side will be directed to this route using Kansas City Scout's overhead message boards.

How will emergency responders and school buses navigate the closure?

MoDOT is coordinating with the Kansas City Police Department, Kansas City Fire Department, local hospitals, schools, and other agencies in advance of the closure to maintain critical access and establish appropriate routes.

Where can motorists check real-time traffic updates and detour maps?

Motorists are encouraged to use real-time navigation—Waze, Google Maps, Apple Maps, etc.—to find the best route for their specific travels. They are also encouraged to use the **MoDOT Traveler Information map** (scan QR code) for the latest road conditions and traffic impacts.



How will RideKC bus routes be affected?

Several RideKC routes that currently use I-70 or cross street bridges will be rerouted to detour routes. Closer to the closure date, updated bus schedules and detours can be found online at the Ride KC website <https://ridekc.org>.

What is the total budget for the project?

This portion of Improve I-70 is funded separately from the Statewide Improve I-70 program. The budget is \$237 million for The Paseo to U.S. 40/31st Street.

Will local businesses and neighborhoods remain accessible?

Businesses will remain open and both businesses and neighborhoods will be accessible.

How is the Improve I-70 KC project coordinating this closure with the closure of I-670 for Roy Blunt Luminary Park?

For closure notifications and project information related to Luminary Park, visit the project website at <http://luminarypark.org>.

How can I get project updates?

For all the latest information on the work, go to the project website at www.modot.org/improvei70kc.