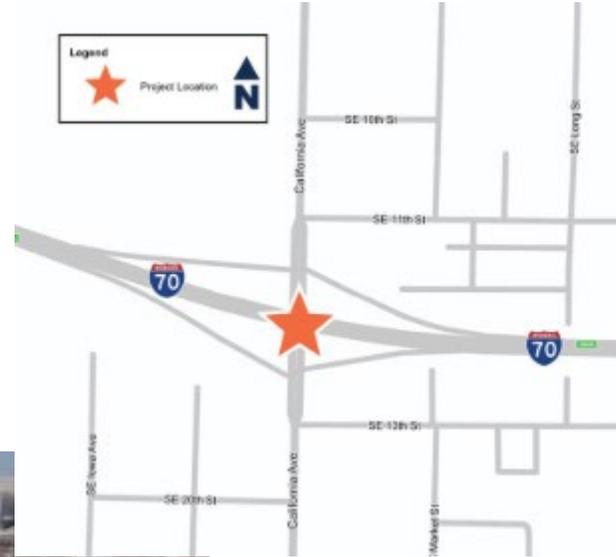


KDOT Construction Updates





PROJECT OVERVIEW

The I-70 Polk-Quincy Viaduct project spans from approximately MacVicar Ave. to 6th Ave. through downtown Topeka. The project will enhance safety, ease congestion and replace aging infrastructure. Construction began in early 2025, and has included:

- Initial construction of the new Polk-Quincy Viaduct structures
- Widening of I-70 between MacVicar Ave. and Topeka Blvd.
- Reconstruction of the I-70/Topeka Blvd. interchange
- Improvements to the local street network

Construction in 2026 will include connecting the highway to the new viaducts. From early summer to late fall, I-70 will be fully closed between Topeka Blvd. and 8th Ave. A map of the routed detour is to the right.

Construction in 2027 will focus on completing work on I-70 and the local city street network. Kansas Ave. will also be closed between 3rd St. and Laurent St. while I-70 connecting ramps are constructed. I-70 will be open in a reduced configuration for most of the year. Project completion is expected by the end of 2027.

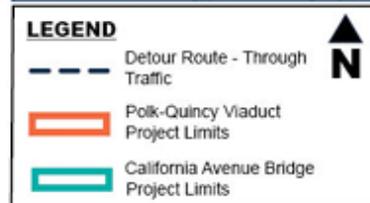
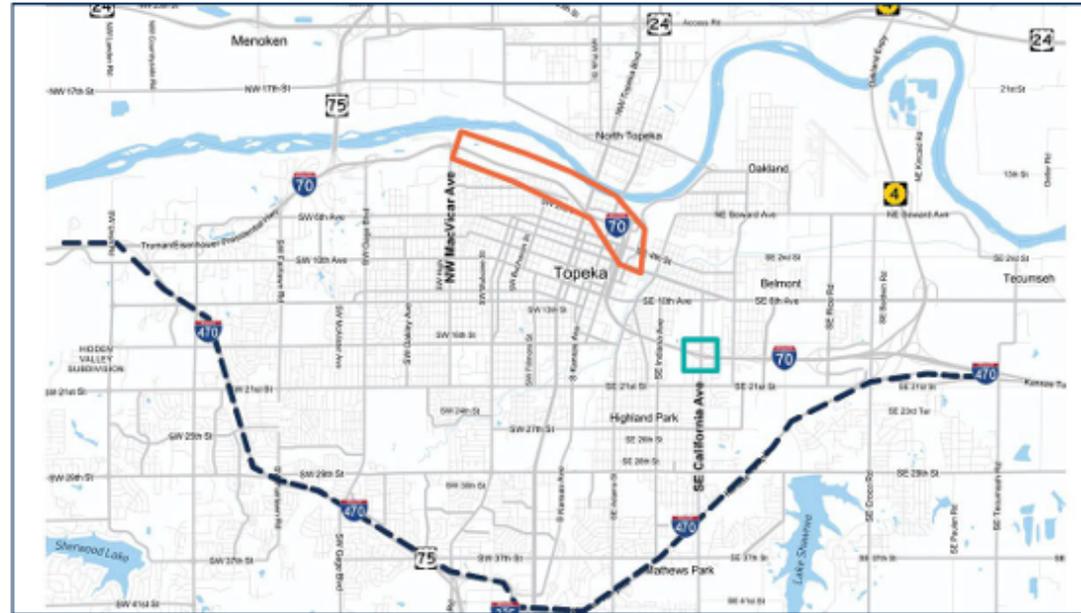
Project work and timelines are conditions permitting and subject to change.

2025 Construction hours worked: **16,421**



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Winter 2026



PROJECT DETAILS

Cost Estimate	\$239 million
Length	2.5 miles
Scope	Reconstruct I-70 to 6 lanes on a partial offset alignment.
Status	Construction

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2026 PROJECT SCHEDULE

WINTER – *We are here*

- Widening of I-70 between MacVicar Ave. and Topeka Blvd. continues
- 4th St. bridge construction begins
- EB off ramp to Topeka Blvd. opens

SPRING

- Topeka Blvd. bridge opens
- New viaduct and 4th St. bridge construction continues
- Construction on California Ave. bridge over I-70 begins

SUMMER

- I-70 closed in both directions
- Work to connect new I-70 to EB viaduct bridge
- Construction on California Ave. bridge over I-70 continues

FALL

- Work continues on I-70
- Work begins on frontage roads, Van Buren St. and Jackson St.
- Construction on California Ave. bridge over I-70 continues

WINTER

- I-70 opens one-lane each direction
- Work continues on I-70 and Kansas Ave.
- Work continues on frontage roads, Van Buren St. and Jackson St.
- California Ave. bridge opens

TOPEKA AREA PROJECT UPDATES

While I-70 is closed, a bridge replacement project will take place on the California Ave. bridge over I-70. This project will replace the existing 1964 bridge with a new structure built to modern specifications. Construction is anticipated to begin spring 2026 and be completed winter 2026, conditions permitting.

To view the California Ave.
over I-70 bridge project
materials and detour maps,
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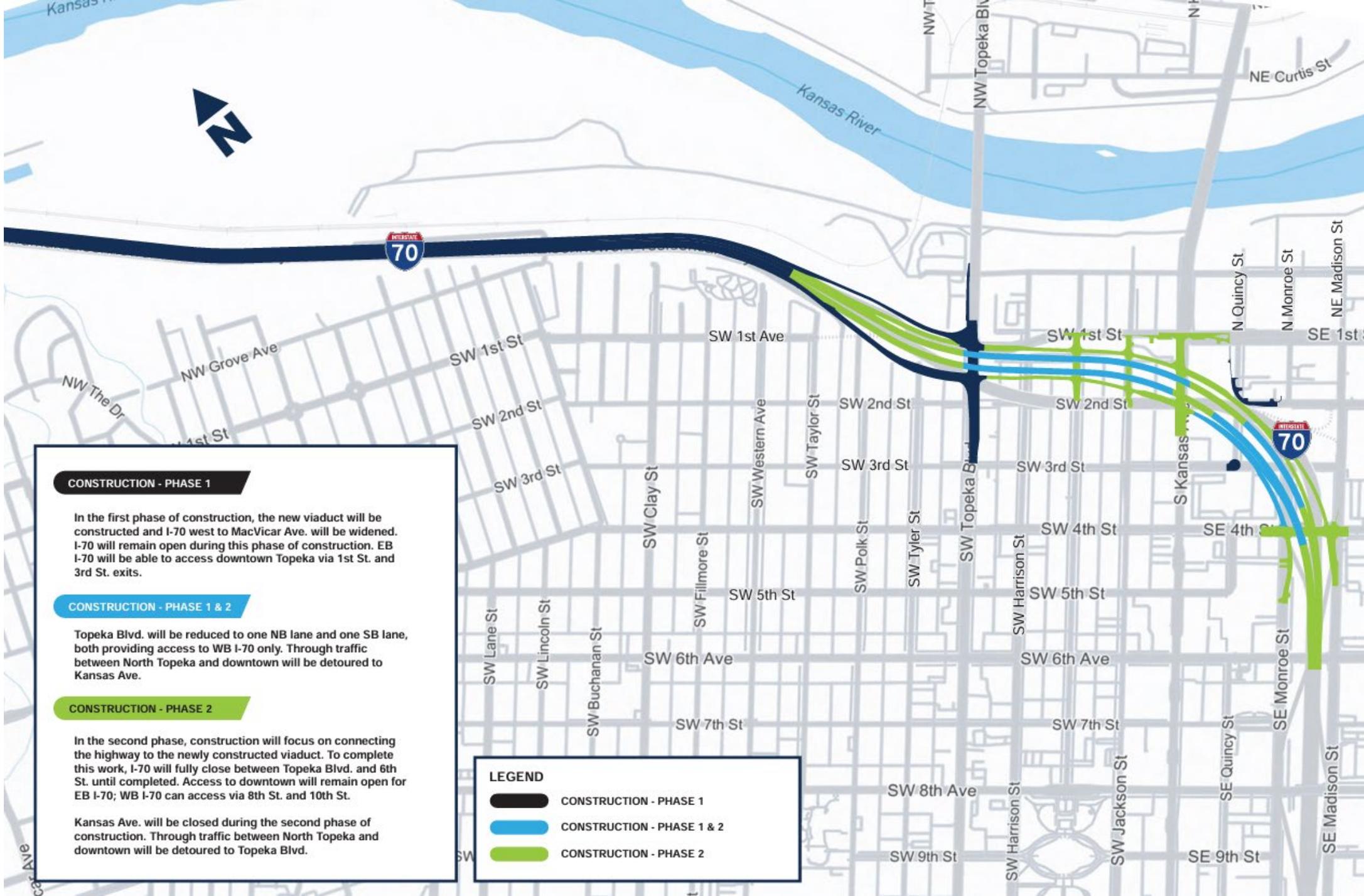


The U.S. 24 improvements project between Goldwater Rd. in north Topeka and Muddy Creek in Jefferson County will focus on reconstructing the westbound lanes in 2026. Work will include full-depth pavement replacement and partial or total reconstruction of multiple bridges. U.S. 24 traffic will be one lane in each direction on the new eastbound lanes, and the south K-4/Oakland Expressway ramps to and from westbound U.S. 24 will close. The westbound U.S. 24 ramp to northbound K-4 will be closed for approximately 5 months. Once reopened, the southbound K-4 ramp to westbound U.S. 24 will close. The U.S. 24 project is expected to be fully complete in late 2027.

To view the
U.S. 24 Improvements
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CONSTRUCTION - PHASE 1

In the first phase of construction, the new viaduct will be constructed and I-70 west to MacVicar Ave. will be widened. I-70 will remain open during this phase of construction. EB I-70 will be able to access downtown Topeka via 1st St. and 3rd St. exits.

CONSTRUCTION - PHASE 1 & 2

Topeka Blvd. will be reduced to one NB lane and one SB lane, both providing access to WB I-70 only. Through traffic between North Topeka and downtown will be detoured to Kansas Ave.

CONSTRUCTION - PHASE 2

In the second phase, construction will focus on connecting the highway to the newly constructed viaduct. To complete this work, I-70 will fully close between Topeka Blvd. and 6th St. until completed. Access to downtown will remain open for EB I-70; WB I-70 can access via 8th St. and 10th St.

Kansas Ave. will be closed during the second phase of construction. Through traffic between North Topeka and downtown will be detoured to Topeka Blvd.

LEGEND

- CONSTRUCTION - PHASE 1
- CONSTRUCTION - PHASE 1 & 2
- CONSTRUCTION - PHASE 2



2027 Kansas Avenue Construction Closure and Detour

LEGEND

- I-70 Normalized Traffic Flow (using EB Lanes)
- Road Closure - No Thru Traffic
- Local Detour



Spring 2027 & Summer 2027 Traffic Pattern Updates



Polk-Quincy Viaduct Project Map
Spring 2026 – Spring 2027 Construction
(Updated Winter 2026)



California Avenue over I-70 Bridge Replacement
Shawnee County



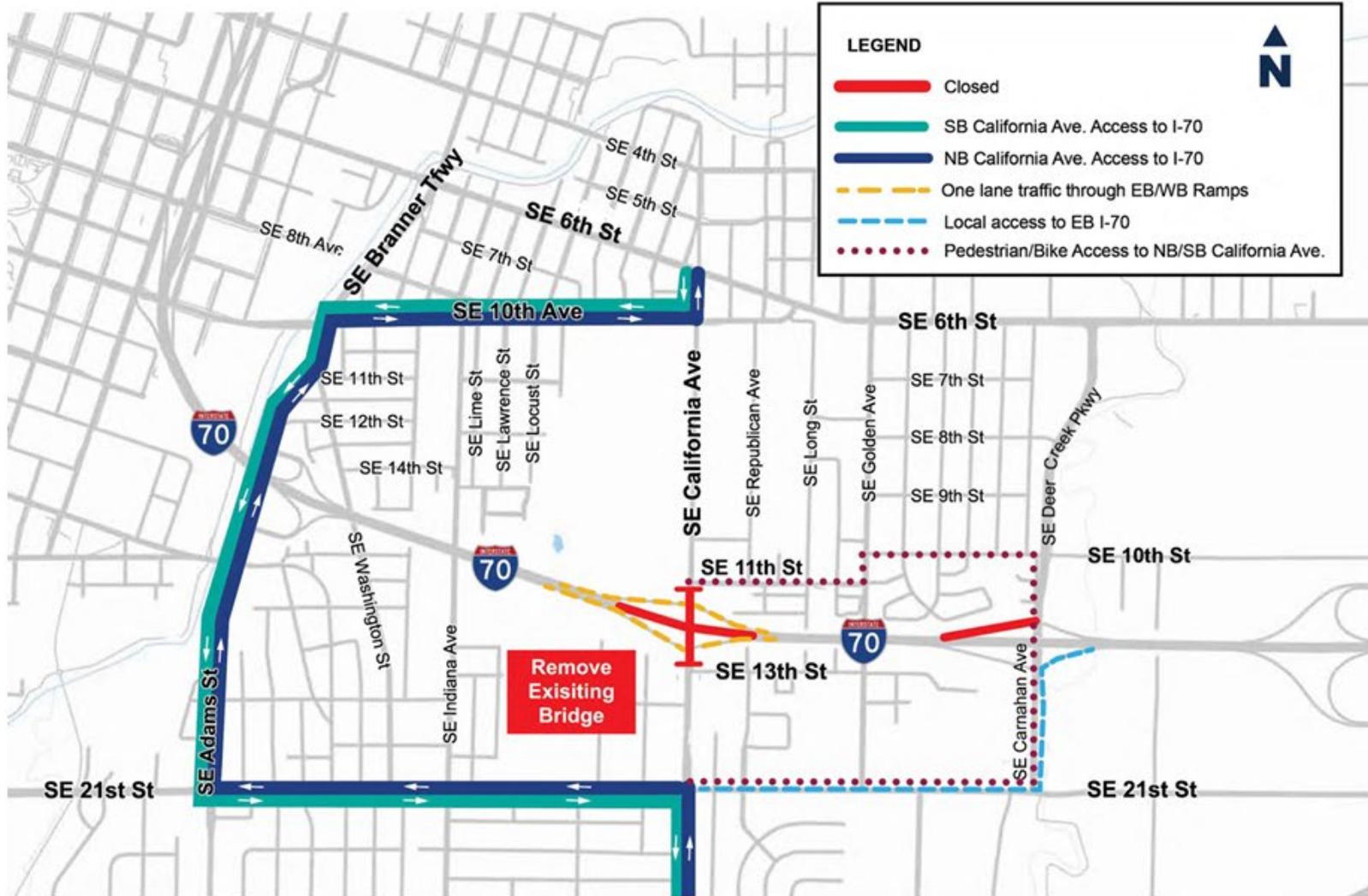
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Phase 1 Closures & Detours



Phase 1 - Weekend in Spring 2026



Phase 2a Closures & Detours



Phase 2A - Spring 2026 - Summer 2026



California Avenue over I-70 Bridge Replacement
Shawnee County



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Phase 2b Closures & Detours



Phase 2B - Spring 2026 - Summer 2026



Phase 3 Closures & Detours



Phase 3 - Summer 2026 - Fall 2026

