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I-70 Detour Discontinued In Sherman County

An I-70 detour, which was enacted earlier today in Sherman County, is no longer in effect.

This morning, the eastbound lanes of I-70 were closed from Exit 9 to Exit 12, due to the recent heavy rains.

I-70 traffic was temporarily diverted onto Old 24 Highway at Exit 9.

Recent, heavy rains damaged a drainage pipe under the roadway, causing the temporary closure.

A project to reconstruct I-70 from the Colorado/Kansas state line, extending east 12 miles east into Kansas, is still underway. The current traffic pattern allows I-70 travelers to utilize one lane of travel in both the east and westbound lanes while workers complete the last stages of this construction project.

The maximum width is restricted to 16.75 feet; and the speed limit is reduced to 60 miles-per-hour throughout the twelve mile work zone. Please pay attention to the signs and workers within a construction zone, slow down and “Give ‘Em A Brake!”

For questions concerning this project, please contact KDOT Area Engineer Eric Oelschlager at (785) 626-3258 or erico@ksdot.org in Atwood; or Kristen Brands, KDOT Northwest Kansas Public Affairs Manager, at (785) 877-3315 or kristenb@ksdot.org in Norton.

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