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## KDOT to review bridge inspection reports

Inspection reports of the state's six deck truss bridges will be reviewed by the Kansas Department of Transportation as a first step to U.S. Secretary of Transportation Mary Peters' request that all such bridges in the nation be inspected. The bridges have components that are similar to the steel arch truss structure that collapsed in Minneapolis on Wednesday, but are not exactly the same.

All of Kansas' deck truss bridges have been inspected within the past year and were found to be safe for travel. Three of those bridges, components of the I-70 intercity viaduct in Kansas City, Kan., will receive their annual inspections beginning the week of August 13, as previously had been scheduled. The process is expected to take six weeks. The other bridges are scheduled to be inspected in late summer and fall.

"The review of reports will allow us to consider whether we should make changes to our inspection schedule," said KDOT Secretary Deb Miller. "Our bridge inspections are rigorous and our data is current and sound. The Kansas bridge system ranks among the best in the country and I want all travelers to feel safe and confident when they use our highways."

All of Kansas deck truss bridges are inspected at least once annually. Five of the structures are in the Kansas City area and the sixth is in Atchison.

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