Project Overview: Westbound Lewis & Clark Viaduct Replacement

The Lewis and Clark Viaduct is a series of bridges that provide a vital link for I-70 across the Kansas River and connect Kansas City, Kansas and Kansas City, Missouri.

The Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) completed a study in December 2012 to examine the condition of each of the nine bridges making up the Viaduct and developed a priority phasing plan for rehabilitation and/or replacement of the existing bridges.

Based on the Lewis & Clark Viaduct study, KDOT is now in the final stages of engineering for the reconstruction of the Westbound Lewis & Clark Viaduct providing a vital link from Kansas City, Missouri to Kansas City, Kansas. The reconstruction project will provide connections to the existing system bridges including I-70 to the west, Minnesota Avenue, Washington Boulevard and Fairfax Trafficway.

The study prioritized replacing the bridges comprising the Westbound Lewis & Clark Viaduct.

Westbound Lewis & Clark Viaduct

The project, highlighted, will replace the westbound viaduct across the Kansas River extending east to the Kansas/Missouri state line.

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Anticipated Timeline

Project Letting: November 2017
Removal of Existing Bridge/Road Closure: February 2018
Completion Date: Spring 2020
Central Avenue Detour Details

Maintenance of Traffic

Westbound I-70 will be closed from the Broadway interchange in Kansas City, Missouri westward to the connections to downtown Kansas City, Kansas for the duration of the construction.

To facilitate traffic operations using the Central Avenue Exit from I-670 and detour to Kansas City, Kansas:

- A second exit lane will be added to the 3rd St./James St. Exit Ramp from I-70
- Temporary Signals will be added to two intersections, as shown