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## **KDOT Travel Information: Know Before You Go on Summer Travels**

With Memorial Day weekend and the summer travel season about to kick off, the Kansas Department of Transportation trip planning and travel decision-making tools can assist travelers in planning their trips, staying informed as they travel and in having a safe and more enjoyable trip. The services are free and available anytime travelers need them.

Summer is the height of road construction projects and by planning ahead and visiting KanDrive, [www.kandrive.org](http://www.kandrive.org), or using 511 on any phone or mobile device, travelers can find out if their routes are impacted by road work and make other plans as needed. With weather updates provided every 15 minutes, Kansas 511 can also be a resource to help travelers learn about changing weather conditions.

Visit KanDrive, KDOT's traveler information gateway for Kansas and surrounding states, to get enhanced camera views. Camera snapshots of the roadway are updated every few minutes from closed-circuit cameras installed along I-70 and other highways in other parts of the state.

In addition to the camera tour, KanDrive provides all essential information you need to plan your trip, including: an interactive map of Kansas roads, road conditions and work zones and other events impacting traffic; map, camera and roadside electronic sign views; and links to helpful transportation resources, such as KC Scout, Kansas Turnpike information, Kansas Byways, weather information and more.

The 511 Mobile site at <http://511mm.ksdot.org> provides map, camera and electronic message sign views, road conditions, road work and event information as well as links to

weather. All content is provided by six regions across the state and three metropolitan areas (Kansas City, Topeka and Wichita).

The site is accessible from multiple devices, including iPhones, Droids and Windows mobile devices, Version 6.0 and higher. Other devices will be able to access text information only for road conditions and road work activity.

Travelers may also call 511 from any phone in Kansas or 1-866-511-KDOT (5368) from anywhere in the U.S. before traveling or as they travel (please don't call while driving) to find out about the latest driving conditions, work zone and travel weather information for the Kansas Turnpike and any Interstate, U.S. or state highway in Kansas and Nebraska. Phone numbers for road conditions in other states adjacent to Kansas are also provided. A phone number is also provided for Motor Carrier Information such as registration, permits and credentials. Information is provided free from a landline phone; however, cell minutes may apply for cellular phone users.

En route travelers will also be informed of road closings and other important information by roadside electronic message signs on I-70, extending from Topeka to Goodland, and on northbound I-135 and southbound US-81 in the north central region of Kansas.

In the Kansas City area, travelers can visit the Kansas City Scout Web site at [www.kcscout.org](http://www.kcscout.org) for camera views and incident and message board information for many interstates in the Kansas City area. A link is also provided from this site back to the statewide Web page by selecting "Links" at the top of the page and then selecting "Transportation Resources" – "Kansas Department of Transportation" – and "Closed Roads and Driving Conditions."

While KDOT strives to make travel information available through a variety of services, KDOT reminds travelers not to text or talk on cell phones while driving. In addition, travelers are reminded to buckle up, slow down for work zones and watch out for road workers and motorcyclists and to move over for stopped law enforcement vehicles.

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