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Rescheduled:

Westbound I-70 Lewis/Clark bridge to be dropped Saturday, June 2

Kansas City – The westbound I-70 Lewis and Clark Viaduct bridge over the Kansas River has been rescheduled and is set to be cut and dropped Saturday, June 2, at approximately 8:30 a.m. as part of a long-term construction project to demolish and rebuild the bridge.

Cut charges will be used to break the bridge girders into sections which will drop into the river. All concrete and removable pieces of the original structure have already been cleared from the bridge and the demolition is not expected to produce visible debris or dust.

In preparation for the demolition, a safety zone will be established around the bridge and traffic will be restricted for approximately one hour. The following closures will be in effect prior to the drop and lasting until post-drop inspections are completed:

- Eastbound I-70 across the Kansas River from I-670 to Market Street, including S. 7th Street, Central Avenue, Minnesota Avenue, Washington Boulevard and Fairfax Trafficway ramps to eastbound I-70
- Armstrong Avenue at Saint John's Park
- Minnesota Avenue at 5th Street
- 3rd Street from Washington Boulevard to I-70
- Market Street
- N. James Street at from Ohio Avenue to the Kansas River
- Kaw Point boardwalk area and boat ramps
- Riverfront Heritage Trail
- Boat traffic between approximately Kaw Point and James Street bridge (closure lasts approximately one week until girder sections are removed from the river)
- Air traffic over I-70 into and out of Charles B. Wheeler downtown airport

Kansas City police officers will be clearing and enforcing the safety zone beginning approximately 8:00 a.m. Public access inside the safety zone, including pedestrian access, will not be permitted. The public viewing area will be Kaw Point Park. All streets are expected to open approximately 30 minutes after the drop.

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