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Road Construction to Impact Downtown Airport Roads for Six Weeks

Weather permitting, on July 9th Charles B. Wheeler Downtown Airport (MKC) will begin a six-week road closure that will impact its tenants and customers, as well as the runners and bikers who utilize airport roads. This closure is due to ongoing construction projects at the Downtown Airport which include rehabilitating the relief well system and upgrading the electrical system on the airport's west side.

The closure is located directly beneath the Broadway Bridge at southeast corner of the airport perimeter and will only be accessible to construction vehicles and workers.

The Relief Well System Rehabilitation Project has been an ongoing, phased project for the last three years. Relief wells are part of the levee system that protects the airport from flooding by alleviating flood water pressure from the levee and diverting flood waters away from the levee walls. During this time, multiple relief wells have been thoroughly inspected, tested, cleaned, refurbished, and several new relief wells have been installed.

The purpose of the West Side Electrical Upgrade Project is to install new underground electrical conduits, lighting poles and structures that will replace aging ones. It also consists of removing the current overhead and underground power lines on the south and west sides of the airport. This project is also a multi-phase project that began earlier this year.

These closures are necessary to accommodate three separate construction projects that require contractors to work on the runways, in the runway safety areas, or the arrival and departure corridors.

To access the west side of the airport, pedestrians, cyclists and vehicles will have to utilize the north loop of the airport perimeter road.

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