

KANSAS CITY

SCOUT

getting you there

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Kansas City Scout is operated and maintained
by the Kansas and Missouri
departments of transportation.

...better than before



Two new services, an enhanced web site and system expansion – they're the products of Kansas City Scout's consistent progress in freeway traffic management. Take a moment to learn what's new for you!

Scouting Your Route: Free, Customized Traffic Alerts

Need to know what's on the road before you hit the gas? Stay in touch through your computer or text messaging devices.

Sign up at www.kcscout.net for free traffic alerts specific to your time and area of travel. You tell "My KC Scout" what you want to know, when you want to know it and which freeways you want to know about. Create one route to work, another home, and, if you like, add your most-traveled weekend route. The choices are yours. Let us "scout" the roads for you and send automated messages when there's a problem on your path. The "My KC Scout" service is free of charge. Only your normal, mobile device carrier fees, if any, apply.



Remember, for your safety and the safety of others, never use a mobile phone or other communications devices while driving.

If you're already on the road and want to know where the traffic tie-ups are, you can still rely on Scout's freeway message boards to get you the info you need -- and to save you from retrieving that text message.

Required "My KC Scout" Subscriber Information

Why "My KC Scout" Needs It

Primary e-mail address

To identify the user and to distribute alerts.

Password

You set your password and use it to log onto "My KC Scout" to access your subscription account. The password protects against unauthorized access.

Alternate e-mail address

You provide an alternate e-mail address only if you want alerts sent to an e-mail other than the primary e-mail address you provide -- or in addition to the primary e-mail address you provide.

Zip Code

To identify counties regarding weather alerts and to log statistical data.

Security Question & Answer

You provide a security answer to a pre-determined security question to validate your subscription ownership (this is necessary only if you forget your password and are trying to log onto your "My KC Scout" account).

Text Device Number

The device number is only required if you want to receive text alerts on your mobile phone, pager, PDA, or other text messaging devices.

Service Provider

The service provider is only required if you want text alerts sent to your text messaging device(s).

Subscription Verification: After you subscribe to "My KC Scout" at www.kcscout.net you will receive an e-mail confirmation asking to complete the subscription process. This prevents others from subscribing you without your knowledge. If you do not respond to the "My KC Scout" confirmation e-mail within seven days, your subscription will be deleted.

Travel Times: Your “Heads Up” on the Road

When you drive a workweek commute you know the traffic issues you face and the time it usually takes to get where you’re going. But when there’s an accident or a severe weather situation it’s anybody’s guess when you’ll get there. Let Scout’s “Travel Times” take the guesswork out of your commute. When you see a message board displaying you’ll know there’s a problem. You decide:

Do you stay on course or divert? The “heads up” may not always save you time, but Scout’s Travel Times can save you the frustration of not knowing.

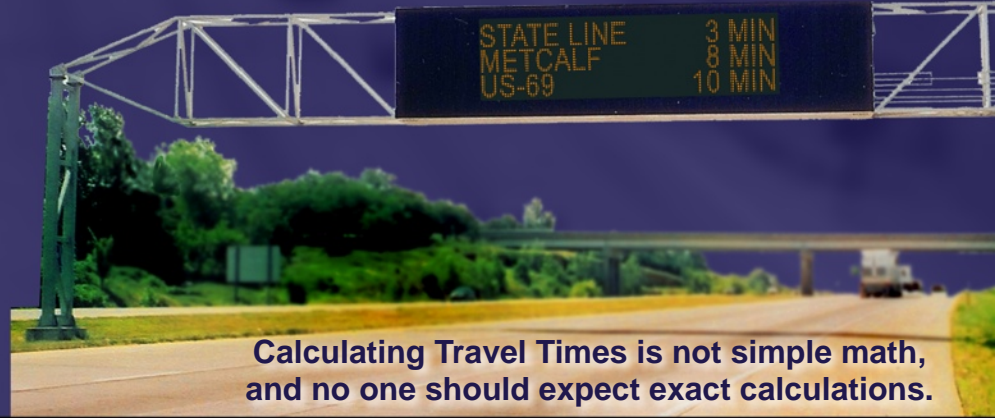
How Does Scout Do It?

Travel Times are the offspring of traffic and technology. Sensors constantly gather average travel speeds of vehicles along the Scout system. Those speeds are used in calculations to determine how long it takes to drive to various destinations.

Reliability

Reliability is our game plan. Scout will calculate Travel Times based on current average travel speeds and posted speed limits, rounded up to the nearest minute. The idea is to be as accurate as possible and offer Travel Times within a few-minutes range. The range allows for variances in driving style and minor traffic issues. Calculating Travel Times is not simple math, and no one should expect exact calculations.

Posted Travel Times are accurate for that moment’s average travel speeds and traffic conditions. Once an accident or other incident begins to hinder freeway traffic flow, affected Travel Times are recalculated. When that happens, the next Scout sign you see might have an increased Travel Time for the same destination than the sign you passed two miles back.



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The When, Where and Why

Travel Times will be a mainstay during weekday rush hours from 6-10 a.m. and again from 3-7 p.m. When necessary, Scout will offer you Travel Times outside weekday rush hours during major social and weather events and traffic incidents impacting Scout's freeways.

Scout will post Travel Times only for those destinations where reliable traffic data is available from the system's sensors. That means Travel Times to a routinely posted destination, (Interstate 435 and Metcalf, for example) may be unavailable if Scout's sensors are not providing reliable data in that area.

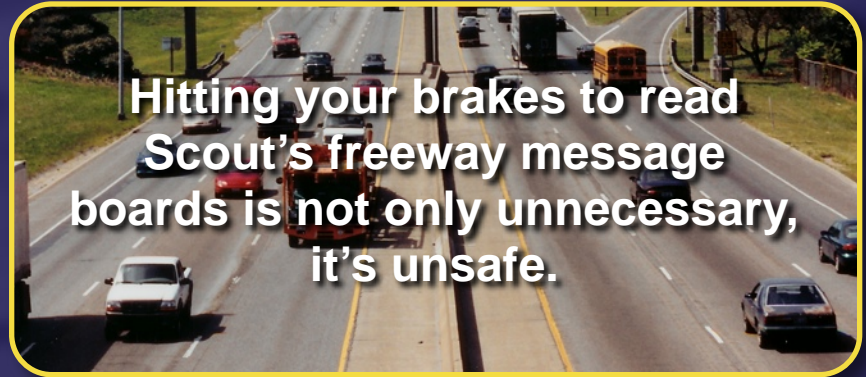
Traffic sensors become unreliable for many reasons. Construction or maintenance activities can damage or require the temporary removal of traffic sensors. Normal wear and tear will create the need to replace faulty sensors, and auto accidents and lightning strikes are also a threat. Regardless, Scout always strives to post reliable Travel Times.

Travel Times will be restricted to destinations along a single freeway within the Scout system. Interstate 70 may show Travel Times to westbound drivers for four destinations, but each of them will be along I-70 westbound only.

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Hit the Road, Not Your Brakes

Hitting your brakes to read Scout's freeway message boards is not only unnecessary, it's unsafe. Scout's electronic signs are sized and designed to be read from hundreds of feet away while traveling at freeway speeds. Attentive, licensed drivers with properly corrected vision should be able to read Scout's signs without having to slow to below the posted speed limit.



If you really have trouble reading Scout's signs, remember there will likely be another sign with the same message just down the road. Hitting the brakes to read the sign not only creates a safety hazard for you but for the drivers behind you.

No traffic message is worth risking a traffic accident.

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Look here for important traffic and web site information.

Click here to subscribe to "My KC Scout" traffic alerts.

Click these icons to display various traffic information on the map at right.

Place your cursor here for map zoom levels.

Click here to see multiple camera views along the same freeway.

These colors indicate average flow of traffic. Hovering your cursor over an area of freeway gives you an actual average speed.

Constructive feedback is always helpful. Click here to let us know your thoughts.

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Map Legend

Check a Box to Display

- Cameras
- Signs
- Signs: Blank
- Incident
- Scheduled Closure
- Emergency Closure
- Special Event

Freeway Speeds (mph)

- 0-30
- 31-44
- 45-60
- No Data Available

Zoom Control

Display Entire Scout Map

Preferences

5 Minute Refresh

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Entire Scout System

Kansas City Live Traffic

This web site utilizes "popup" windows to deliver live content. If you use a browser with a "popup blocker" on this web site.

Kansas City, MO
Get the 10 day forecast
46°F Sunny
Feels Like: 44°F

Kansas City Scout Operates
24 Hours a day, 7 days a week

Vacation Planner
Sports Events
Special Events

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Giving You More of What You Ask For

Kansas City Scout hears you loud and clear. We ask your opinions on our web site, and you tell us what you think. Thanks to your feedback, Scout is able to identify what traffic information and services are important to you. If you haven't visited us at www.kcscout.net lately, you may not know about the following:

Increased Capacity:

Scout knows you routinely need traffic information most during rush hour, severe weather and freeway closures. A substantial increase in Scout's bandwidth capacity now allows it to serve more web site visitors than ever before. You can visit us on the web with confidence you'll get the information you need when you need it.

Camera Tours:

Use this web site feature available from the Scout Home Page to pull up views of multiple camera images. Instead of clicking from one camera view to the next along the interstate, you can click a Camera Tours option once and see each of the available camera images for a selected freeway.

"My KC Scout" Traffic Alerts:

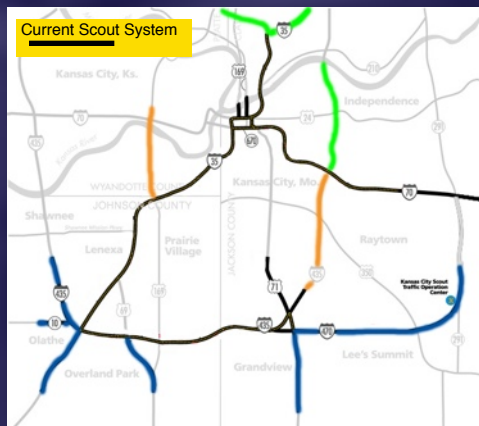
Don't forget, the Kansas City Scout web site is now your site for free subscriptions to customized, "My KC Scout" traffic alerts.

Travel Times:

While drivers can read posted Travel Times from the road, you can access posted Travel Times from the Internet before you hit the road. At www.kcscout.net you can read Travel Times for your route by clicking the "Signs: With Message" icon to the left of the system map found on Scout's Home Page. Active messages on those boards – whether they are Travel Times, accident information or both – are always available from the Scout web site.

There's More in Store

2007 kicks off the beginning of multiple, major Scout expansion projects in Kansas and Missouri. By the end of 2008, you can expect to see Scout on nearly 70 miles of additional Kansas City area freeways. Take a look at what's in store for you.



By 2006, in its first two years of operation, Scout expanded its system coverage from 75 to just over 90 miles. In 2008, when all of the scheduled expansion efforts are completed, Scout will blanket more than 160 miles of Kansas City's most congested freeway areas.

Additional Cameras, Traffic Sensors & Message Boards:

I-435 from Bannister Road to I-70 by 11/1/07

I-635 from I-35 to State Avenue by 6/1/08

Additional Cameras & Message Boards:

I-435 from I-70 to Hwy. 210 by 11/1/07

I-29 from the I-35 split to just north of I-635 by 12/1/07

I-35 from the I-29 split to just north of I-435 by 12/1/07

Additional Cameras:

I-470 from Blue Ridge to Woods Chapel Road by 7/1/07

Hwy. 71 from Red Bridge Road to Main Street by 7/1/07

I-435 at 87th & 95th streets and Lackman Rd. by 12/1/07

I-35 at 119th & 111th streets. by 12/1/07

Hwy. 69 at Antioch Rd., 119th St. & College Blvd. by 12/1/07

K-10 Hwy. at Renner Rd. by 12/1/07

Scout's traffic operations staff uses information from its cameras and sensors to launch a comprehensive response plan tailored to each traffic situation.

That response might include:

- Creating electronic sign messages to let you know what's blocking the lanes on the road ahead
- Posting Travel Times so you'll know approximately how long it will take to drive from here to there
- Sending "My KC Scout" traffic alerts to subscribers
- Coordinating with emergency services so they can get to the scene quickly
- Dispatching Motorist Assist services
- Providing updated traffic information to the media and to the Internet at www.kcscout.net

How Scout Helps

Without adding another inch of pavement, Scout helps Kansas City area drivers experience:

- Less freeway congestion
- Improved rush-hour speeds
- Fewer rush hour accidents
- Quicker emergency response times
- Less air pollution from slow or idle traffic

The Results

On average, similar systems throughout the country have shown:

- 18-22% Increase in freeway capacity
- 35% Improvement in rush-hour speeds
- 27% Reduction in rush-hour accidents
- 30-50% Decrease in emergency response times



Road Weather Conditions: