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Press Release

Construction crews blasting at Exit 6 along Interstate 44 next week (April 29th thru May 2nd)

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The Joplin Police Department in partnership with MODOT and McCarthy Construction are announcing that there will be blasting at I44 and Hearnes Blvd. (Hwy 43) at exit 6 next week. The blasting is needed for the construction of a new off ramp for Interstate 44 to facilitate the new Mercy Hospital.

The blasting will occur on two separate days, the first day will be on Tuesday, April 30 and the second day will be Thursday, May 2nd. The blasting times for both of these events will occur between 0800 to 0900 hours, as we are not able to give exact time for the blasting; we want to let everyone know that there will be one detonation on each day during this time frame.

For safety in the area of the blasting, traffic on Hearnes Blvd (Hwy 43), 50th Street, and Glendale will all be stopped for a about fifteen to twenty minutes each day. Traffic along Interstate 44 eastbound and westbound will be slowed but not stopped to facilitate this project.

We are asking motorists to be mindful of the delays in traffic as we have reached a point in construction that we now have multiple road construction operations underway. Please use caution while driving in the area, and watch for workers while driving through any construction zone.

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