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US-75 Pedestrian Bridge Project Update in Osage County

The completion date for the new US-75 pedestrian bridge located approximately .28 miles north of the K-31/K-268 junction in Osage County has been rescheduled to spring 2011, weather permitting. The bridge project will be suspended sometime during the week of December 13 for the winter season and work will resume in spring 2011. The new bridge structure is in place though crews still need to complete the bridge deck along with some other finishing work.

This bridge replacement project includes removal of the existing railroad bridge over US-75, grading work to widen the slopes adjacent to the bridge, addition of paved shoulders, and installation of a new pedestrian bridge.

TL Enterprises, Inc. is the primary contractor on this \$887,364 bridge project. This project is funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009. The scheduled completion date for the entire project is now spring 2011.

The Kansas Department of Transportation urges all motorists to be alert, obey the warning signs, and "Give 'Em a Brake!" when approaching and driving through the project work zone. For more information on this bridge project, please contact Kimberly Qualls, Northeast Kansas Public Affairs Manager, at (785) 640-9340, or Steve Baalman, Field Engineering Administrator, at (785) 296-2291.

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