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I-70 Bridge Repair & Resurfacing Project to Begin in Topeka

On **Friday, August 10**, a repair and overlay project will begin on five I-70 bridges in Topeka (Shawnee County). The five bridges on eastbound and westbound I-70 include MacVicar Avenue, MoPac Railroad (between 10th Street and Adams Street interchanges), Washington Street, and Deer Creek/Carnahan Avenue. Project work includes pavement patching and the application of a concrete polymer overlay on the bridge deck. Work will take place during the weekends with 24/7 round the clock closures beginning at 7:00 p.m. on Friday evening and reopening to all traffic at 6:00 a.m. the following Monday morning. Project work will be scheduled for seven weekend-long closures.

Beginning on **Friday, August 10 at 7:00 p.m.**, eastbound and/or westbound I-70 will be reduced to one lane each direction through three separate work zones, 24/7 round the clock, during weekend-long closures throughout the project duration. Traffic will be directed through the project work zone via signage and cones. There will be a posted speed limit of 50 mph and no lane width restrictions through the project work zone throughout the project duration. Adjacent ramp closures will also take place during the project working hours.

Advance message boards will alert drivers to the lane and ramp closures. Drivers should expect major delays during peak travel times and are encouraged to use

alternate routes, if possible. Updated traffic information for this bridge project can be viewed online at: www.ksdot.org/topekametro/laneclose.asp.

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.

Truesdell Corporation (Jefferson City, MO) is the primary contractor on this bridge project with a total contract cost of \$428,428. **The scheduled completion date for the entire bridge project is late September 2012, weather permitting.**

This project is funded by T-WORKS, the transportation program passed by the Kansas Legislature in May 2010. Find out more about this and other T-WORKS projects at: <http://kdotapp.ksdot.org/TWorks/>.

For more information on this bridge project, please contact Kimberly Qualls, Northeast Kansas Public Affairs Manager, at (785) 640-9340, or Kevin Kellerman, Construction Engineer, at (785) 296-3986. (KDOT Project #70-89 KA 2554-01)

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