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## **K-4 Oakland Expressway Bridge Repair & Resurfacing Project to Begin in Shawnee County**

On **Friday, July 27 at 7:00 p.m.**, a resurfacing project will begin on the K-4/Oakland Expressway Bridge over the Kansas River (from approximately Northeast Seward Avenue to US-24) in Topeka (Shawnee County). Project work includes pavement repair and the application of a polymer overlay on the bridge deck. Work will take place during the weekends with 24/7 closures beginning at 7:00 p.m. on Friday evening and reopening to all traffic at 6:00 a.m. the following Monday morning.

Beginning on **Friday, July 27 at 7:00 p.m.**, northbound and southbound K-4 over the Kansas River Bridge will be reduced to one lane, 24/7 round the clock, during the weekend long closures throughout the project duration. Traffic will be directed through the project work zone via an automatic flagger located at each end of the bridge along with signage and cones. There will be a posted speed limit of 40 mph and a 12-foot lane width restriction 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](http://www.ksdot.org/topekametro/laneclose.asp).

Wildcat Concrete Services (Wichita, KS) is the primary contractor on this bridge project with a total contract cost of \$1.49 million. **The scheduled completion date for the entire bridge project is early October 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/>.

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 Kevin Kellerman, Construction Engineer, at (785) 296-3986. (KDOT Project #4-89 KA 2726-01)

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