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US-50 Roundabout Improvement Project to Begin in Lyon County

Sometime in **early September 2012**, an improvement project will begin on US-50 to make improvements to the roundabout located near I-35 in west Emporia (Lyon County). Project work includes the addition of a concrete truck apron that will replace the inside lane on the existing roundabout as well as new permanent navigational signage for the roundabout. The existing two-lane roundabout will be a wider single lane roundabout when project work is finished. Work will take place during daylight hours, Monday through Friday, with some occasional Saturday work.

Beginning in **early September 2012**, US-50 traffic through the roundabout will be reduced to one lane. Traffic will be directed via signage and channelizers through the project work zone. A marked detour will be provided. Eastbound US-50 to I-35/Kansas Turnpike traffic will detour east on US-50 to Industrial Road then north to the I-35 junction; I-35/Kansas Turnpike to eastbound US-50 traffic will detour to Industrial Road then south to US-50. Advance notification will be sent out once a final start date for the improvement project has been determined.

Advance message boards will alert drivers to the lane closure. Drivers should expect some delays and must use the marked detours and/or alternate routes throughout the duration of the project. 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.

RFB Construction Co., Inc. (Pittsburg, KS) is the primary contractor on this roundabout improvement project with a total contract cost of \$314,840. **The scheduled completion date for the improvement project is early November 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 roundabout improvement project, please contact Kimberly Qualls, Northeast Kansas Public Affairs Manager, at (785) 640-9340, or Andrew Davis, Construction Manager, at (620) 342-5402. (KDOT Project # 50-56 KA 2768-01)

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