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Amelia Earhart Bridge in Atchison Scheduled for More Repair Work

Weather permitting, **on Monday, August 24 at 7:00 a.m.**, the existing Amelia Earhart Bridge in Atchison will be reduced to one lane of traffic across the bridge for repair work to patch pavement on the bridge deck. **Traffic will be reduced to one lane from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. each day.** Project work is scheduled to be completed on Friday, August 28.

Drivers will be directed through the work zone via a flagman at each end of the bridge. Advance warning signs will be in place to alert drivers to the lane closure on the bridge. Traffic will be reduced to one 11-foot wide lane. Drivers should expect delays and allow extra time for travel during the lane closures. Lane closure information can be viewed at: <http://www.ksdot.org/topekaMetro/press.asp>.

Kansas Department of Transportation maintenance crews determined that the bridge deck needed some minor repairs. The repairs will enable the bridge to stay open to traffic and carry legal loads while the new four-lane bridge is constructed. The new bridge, currently under construction, is scheduled to be completed in the fall of 2011 with removal of the existing bridge in 2012. Until the new bridge is completed, the existing bridge will continue to be maintained and inspected regularly.

L. G. Barcus & Sons is the primary contractor on this \$65,827 bridge repair 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. For more information on this bridge repair project, please contact Kimberly Qualls, Northeast Kansas Public Affairs Manager, at (785) 640-9340.

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