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Fancy Creek Bridge Repair Work to Begin on US-77 in Riley County

Weather permitting, on **Monday, September 21**, a repair project will begin on the US-77 Fancy Creek bridge located approximately two miles north of the city of Randolph in Riley County. Crews will complete replacement of bearing devices located underneath the bridge deck. Work will take place daily, Monday through Friday, during daylight hours for approximately two weeks beginning on Monday, September 21.

Periodic daytime closures of the bridge will begin on **Tuesday, September 22**. Flaggers will direct traffic across the bridge during these closures and will try to limit the closures to 15 minutes at a time; however, major delays may occur depending on the work involved. Drivers may want to use alternate routes, if possible, or else allow extra travel time during the duration of the project. Traffic will have an unrestricted lane width across the bridge during the evening/overnight hours.

United Contractors, Inc. (Johnston, Iowa) is the primary contractor on this bridge repair project. The scheduled completion date for the bridge repair project is mid-October 2009.

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 project work zones. For more information on this bridge repair project, please contact Kimberly Qualls, Northeast Kansas Public Affairs Manager, at (785) 640-9340, or Jerry Haug, Wamego Construction Engineer, at (785) 456-2353.

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