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Traffic Changes for Marlatt Avenue & US-24/Tuttle Creek Boulevard Intersection Project in Riley County

Weather permitting, **after evening rush hour on Monday, June 8**, the east leg of Marlatt Avenue will close to traffic for a realignment project at Marlatt Avenue and US-24/Tuttle Creek Boulevard intersection in Riley County. During the closure on Marlatt Avenue, a marked detour will be provided. Traffic will detour from the Marlatt Avenue/Casement Road intersection south to the Casement Road/Allen Road intersection, west to the Allen Road/US-24/Tuttle Creek Boulevard intersection, north to the Kimball Avenue/US-24/Tuttle Creek Boulevard intersection, west to the Kimball Avenue/Denison Avenue intersection, then north to the Denison Avenue/Marlatt Avenue intersection. Drivers should expect some minor delays and are encouraged to use alternate routes, if possible.

In addition, eastbound Marlatt Avenue traffic heading to US-24/Tuttle Creek Boulevard will be restricted to right-hand only turns onto US-24/Tuttle Creek Boulevard, southbound/eastbound US-24/Tuttle Creek Boulevard traffic will not be able to make left-hand turns onto Walters Drive, and westbound Walters Drive traffic heading to US-24/Tuttle Creek Boulevard will be restricted to right-hand turns only onto US-24/Tuttle Creek Boulevard. The road closure and turn restrictions will be in place until early August 2009.

The Marlatt Avenue and US-24/Tuttle Creek Boulevard intersection improvement project, a cooperative project between the Kansas Department of Transportation and the City of Manhattan, includes the realignment of Marlatt Avenue with US-24/Tuttle Creek Boulevard. The intersection project includes earth work (grading), concrete pavement, asphalt surfacing within the intersection, traffic signal addition, reinforced concrete box (RCB)/culvert extensions, and new pavement markings. The RCB under US-24/Tuttle Creek Boulevard will be lengthened on the east and west side of US-24/Tuttle Creek Boulevard. Another RCB will be added to the south side of the existing RCB to provide a pedestrian

underpass walkway for US-24/Tuttle Creek Boulevard. Marlatt Avenue will be realigned to match the two adjoining legs of the intersection instead of their current offset configuration. There will be permanent traffic signals installed at the intersection. South of the intersection, Walters Drive will be widened to provide a right-turn lane onto US-24/Tuttle Creek Boulevard.

Ebert Construction Inc. and Subsidiary is the primary contractor on this intersection improvement project with a total contract cost of \$3,148,682. The scheduled completion date for the entire project is late 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 intersection realignment 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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