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83rd Street/K-7 Bridge Repair Project Scheduled to Begin in Johnson County

Weather permitting, on **Thursday, June 4**, a bridge repair project will begin on the 83rd Street Bridge spanning K-7 in Johnson County. Work will take place daily during daylight hours throughout the project duration.

The bridge will be closed to all eastbound and westbound 83rd Street traffic, beginning at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, June 4, and will reopen to all traffic at 5:00 a.m. on Monday, June 8.

Advance message boards will alert drivers to the bridge closure. A marked detour will be provided. Westbound 83rd Street traffic from the bridge closure will take the K-7 northbound ramp, exit onto 67th Street, then take 67th Street to southbound K-7, then K-7 back to 83rd Street; and, eastbound 83rd Street traffic from the bridge closure will take the southbound K-7 ramp, exit onto 95th Street, then take 95th Street to northbound K-7, then K-7 back to 83rd Street.

Drivers should expect minor delays and are advised to use alternate routes, if possible. Updated daily lane closure information for this bridge repair project can be viewed online at:

www.ksdot.org/kcmetro/laneclose.asp.

Workers will spread a thin layer of epoxy over the bridge deck and sprinkle small gravel on top. The process will be repeated to create two layers of the "polymer overlay." The resurfacing project will seal the bridge deck and reduce penetration of de-icing salts that can speed the decay of steel in the deck. The new surface will also increase skid resistance.

Comanche Construction Company is the primary contractor on this bridge repair project with a total contract cost of \$213,000. The scheduled completion date for the entire project is late July 2009.

This information is available in alternative accessible formats. To obtain an alternative format, contact KDOT Transportation Information, Eisenhower Building, 700 SW Harrison, 2nd Floor West, Topeka, Kan., 66603-3754, or (785) 296-3585 (Voice)/Hearing Impaired - 711.

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 questions or additional information on this bridge repair project, please contact Kimberly Qualls, Northeast Kansas Public Affairs Manager, at (785) 640-9340, or Ruben Noguera, Field Engineering Administrator, at (913) 764-4525.

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