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Bridge Repair Work to Begin on Northbound US-73 in Leavenworth County

Weather permitting on **Monday, May 4 at 8:30 a.m.**, a repair project will begin on the northbound US-73 Bridge located just south of Gilman Road on the south end of Lansing (approximately 1.78 miles north of the Wyandotte County line). The repair project includes patching on the bridge deck and bridge approach pavement, and the placement of a polymer overlay on the bridge deck. Work will take place daily, Monday through Friday (with an occasional Saturday), during daylight hours only.

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.

Project work will be completed in two phases with impacts to traffic. Phase I, beginning on Monday, May 4 at 8:30 a.m., will close the left lane of northbound US-73 over the bridge. Once Phase I is completed, Phase II will begin which will close the right lane of northbound US-73 over the bridge. Traffic will be directed through the work zone via signage. Drivers should expect minor delays.

Comanche Construction Co., Inc. is the primary contractor on this \$177,693 bridge repair project. The scheduled completion date for Phase I is late May 2009 and for the entire project (including Phase II) is late June 2009, weather permitting

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, or Jim Wetterberg, Bonner Springs Construction Engineer at (913) 721-2754.

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