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Bridge Repair Work to Begin on Southbound I-435 in Wyandotte County

Weather permitting on **Monday, March 16**, a repair project will begin on the southbound I-435 bridge over the Missouri Pacific Railroad in Wyandotte County. The bridge is located 0.37 miles northeast of the K-5/Leavenworth Road and I-435 interchange. Crews will replace expansion joints on the bridge and concrete pavement at the approach to the north end of the bridge. Work will take place daily, Monday through Friday (with an occasional Saturday) during daylight hours only.

Southbound traffic will be reduced to two open lanes throughout the duration of the repair project. The speed limit will be restricted to 60 mph through the work zone. Traffic will be directed through the work zone via signage. Drivers should expect minor delays.

Progressive Contractors Inc. is the primary contractor on this \$187,426 bridge repair project. The scheduled completion date for the entire project is late April 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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