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### **K-10 Bridge Repair Project Scheduled to Begin in Johnson County**

Weather permitting, on **Monday, August 18**, a bridge repair project will begin for the eastbound K-10 Bridge spanning the BNSF railroad tracks (located approximately 2.5 miles east of K-7) in Johnson County. Work will take place daily during daylight hours throughout the project duration.

Shoulder repair work for the project will begin on Monday, August 18. Then on **Monday, August 25**, eastbound traffic will be reduced to one lane across the bridge and will remain so throughout the duration of the bridge project. Traffic will be channeled through the project work zone via concrete barriers.

Speed limits will be reduced to 60 mph through the project work zone. 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](http://www.ksdot.org/kcmetro/laneclose.asp).

Crews will first patch the bridge deck and then place a silica fume overlay on the bridge deck. Resurfacing the bridge deck will smooth the pavement and make it more resistant to damage from de-icing salts. Workers will use an overlay of concrete mixed with silica fume, a byproduct of making silicon from quartz. Once the overlay is complete, workers will then replace the permanent pavement markings on the bridge deck surface.

Comanche Construction Company is the primary contractor on this bridge repair project with a total contract cost of \$520,000. The scheduled completion date for the entire project is early fall 2008.

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 Jason Van Nice, Lawrence Construction Engineer, at (785) 842-0299.

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