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Overlay Project Begins on Westbound I-70 to Southbound I-635 Bridge Ramp in Wyandotte County

Weather permitting, on **Wednesday, April 22**, pavement work will begin on the westbound I-70 to southbound I-635 ramp bridge in Wyandotte County. Crews will place a polymer overlay (seal) on the bridge ramp over the existing bridge deck surface. Project work will take place round the clock, Monday through Friday, with some possible Saturday work.

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.

Beginning at **12:01 a.m. on Wednesday, April 22**, the westbound I-70 to southbound I-635 bridge ramp will be closed to all traffic. Advance message boards will alert traffic to the ramp bridge closure. Traffic will detour on westbound I-70 to 57th Street, then head back to eastbound I-70, and then south to I-635. Updated daily lane closure information for this overlay project can be viewed online at: www.ksdot.org/kcmetro/laneclose.asp. Drivers should expect minor delays and are advised to use alternate routes, if possible.

Comanche Construction is the primary contractor for this \$250,000 polymer overlay project. The scheduled completion date for the entire project is **Wednesday, April 29**, 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 polymer overlay project, please contact Kimberly Qualls, Northeast Kansas Public Affairs Manager, at (785) 640-9340, or Amy Pope, Bonner Springs Construction Engineer, at (913) 721-2754.

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