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Repair Work Scheduled for Four US-69 Bridges in Johnson County

Weather permitting, beginning on **Monday, June 9**, a repair project will begin on four US-69 bridges including the southbound US-69 over 191st Street bridge, the southbound US-69 over the Blue River bridge, the southbound US-69 over 199th Street bridge, and the northbound US-69 over 207th Street bridge. Work will take place daily seven days a week, 24 hours a day throughout the project duration.

Crews will complete pavement patching, milling and overlay work on the bridge decks, and sealing of the concrete rails on each bridge. Workers will use an overlay of concrete mixed with silica fume, a byproduct of making silicon from quartz. Resurfacing the bridge deck will smooth the pavement and make it more resistant to damage from de-icing salts.

Advance message boards will alert traffic to the lane closures on US-69. Traffic will be reduced to one lane across all four bridges during the duration of the project. Temporary concrete barriers will be placed across all bridges for the lane reductions. Drivers should expect major delays and are advised to use alternate routes, if possible. Updated daily lane/ramp closure information for this project can be viewed online at: www.ksdot.org/kcmetro/laneclose.asp.

Progressive Contractors, Inc. is the primary contractor on this bridge repair project with a total contract cost of \$937,187. The scheduled completion date for the entire project is late summer 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 Ruben Noguera, Field Engineering Administrator, at (913) 764-4525.

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