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US-24/40 to Close for K-7 Bridge Demolition Work in Wyandotte County

Weather permitting, on **Friday, August 8**, US-24/40 (State Avenue) will close from 141st Street to 130th Street in Wyandotte County for demolition work on the remaining existing K-7 Bridge. The US-24/40 closure will begin at 8:00 p.m. on Friday, August 8, and will reopen to all traffic at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, August 9. If additional time is needed for bridge removal work, US-24/40 will again close beginning at 8:00 p.m. on Saturday, August 9, and will reopen to all traffic at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday, August 10.

Advance message boards will alert traffic to the US-24/40 closure. Marked detours will be provided during the closure. Updated daily lane and ramp closure information for this interchange project can be viewed online at: www.ksdot.org/kcmetro/laneclose.asp. Drivers should expect delays during the project and are encouraged to use alternate routes, if possible.

The existing K-7 and US-24/40 cloverleaf interchange will be replaced with a new partial cloverleaf or folded diamond interchange and the addition of auxiliary lanes on K-7 and US-24/40. The lane addition will provide traffic with acceleration and deceleration lanes for the new interchange on- and off-ramps. When completed, the new interchange will provide for a safer and more efficient driving experience for the traveling public.

APAC Kansas, Inc. is the primary contractor for this project with a total contract cost of \$35,739,978. The scheduled completion date for the entire interchange project is early winter 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 work zones. For questions or additional information on this interchange project, please contact Kimberly Qualls, Northeast Kansas Public Affairs Manager, at (785) 296-3881, or Jim Wetterberg, Bonner Springs Construction Engineer, at (785) 721-2754.

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