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US-69 (18th Street) Bridge Repair Project to Begin in Wyandotte County

Weather permitting, beginning **at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 16**, US-69 (18th Street) over the Kansas River Bridge will be closed in Wyandotte County for repair work. US-69 traffic will not be allowed past Ruby Avenue on the south side of the bridge or past Kansas Avenue on the north side of the bridge. **The US-69 closures will begin at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 16, and will reopen to all traffic at 6:00 a.m. on Monday, October 20.**

Crews will replace the rocker and expansion joints on the bridge. This work is part of a series of closures for this bridge repair project. Additional news releases will be issued for the future work and related closures.

Advance message boards will alert drivers to the lane closures. Marked detours will be provided. **Northbound** 18th Street traffic will detour via I-35 southbound to I-635 northbound to Kansas Avenue eastbound to 18th Street. **Southbound** 18th Street will detour via Kansas Avenue westbound to I-635 southbound to I-35 northbound to 18th Street. Drivers should expect 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.

APAC-KANSAS, Inc. is the primary contractor on this bridge repair project with a total contract cost of \$2,677,402. **The scheduled completion date for the entire project is spring 2009.**

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 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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