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Four US-36 Bridge Repair Projects Set to Begin in Brown County

Weather permitting, on **Monday, June 11**, a repair project will begin on four US-36 bridges near Hiawatha (Brown County). Two of the bridges are located approx .5-miles west of the US-73/US-36 junction in Hiawatha (near the 12th Street exit) and the remaining two bridges are approximately 2.3 miles and 3 miles east of the US-73/US-36 junction. Crews will complete repair work on the approaches on both ends of all four bridges. Work will take place daily, Monday through Friday, during daylight hours.

Beginning on **Monday**, **June 11**, the crews will begin the installation of temporary traffic signals at both ends of all four bridges. Sometime on Monday or Tuesday, June 11 or 12, the temporary signals will be turned on and eastbound and US-36 westbound traffic will be directed in one lane across each of the four bridges via the signals. The traffic signals will be operational, 24/7 round the clock, throughout the project duration. There will be a 50 mph posted speed limit through the project work zone and traffic will be restricted to a 15-foot lane width restriction through the work zone during the duration of the project. Drivers should expect minor delays and must allow extra time for their daily commutes throughout the duration of the project.

Bridges, Inc (Newton, KS) is the primary contractor on this bridge repair project with a total contract cost of \$386,337. **Project work is scheduled to be completed in mid-August 2012, weather permitting.**

This project is funded by T-WORKS, the transportation program passed by the Kansas Legislature in May 2010. Find out more about this and other T-WORKS projects at: http://kdotapp.ksdot.org/TWorks/.

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 Michelle Anschutz, Construction Manager, at (785) 486-2142. (KDOT Project #36 7 K- 2678-01)

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