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## **K-18 Multi-Bridge Replacement Project to Begin in Wabaunsee County**

On **Thursday, September 6**, a two-phase replacement project will begin on three K-18 Bridges located between the city of Wabaunsee and K-99 in Wabaunsee County. Project work includes replacement of the existing bridge structures with a 32-foot wide weathered steel simple span structure on the west bridge, reinforced concrete slab span structure on the center bridge and reinforced concrete haunched slab structure on the east bridge. The new bridges will include two 12-foot lanes with 4-foot shoulders. Work will take place during daylight hours, Monday through Friday, with some occasional Saturday work.

Eastbound and westbound K-18 will be closed for these three bridge replacements with the two bridges closest to K-99 being replaced first. Once these two bridges are completed and reopened to traffic, the remaining far west bridge will be closed. See *the K-18 bridge replacement project detour map* at: <http://bit.ly/Nd6Ttw>.

Beginning on **Thursday, September 6**, the contractor will begin setting up traffic control for the first two bridge closures included in phase one work. On **Monday, September 10**, eastbound and westbound K-18 will be closed approximately one mile east of the city of Wabaunsee to K-99 to replace the two bridges closest to K-99. A marked detour will be provided. Traffic will detour north on K-99, then west on US-24 and then back on K-18.

During phase two work, eastbound and westbound K-18 will be closed at the bridge just east of the city of Wabaunsee. A marked detour will be provided. Traffic will continue to detour north on K-99, then west on US-24 and then back on K-18. Advance notification will be sent

out under separate cover when phase one work is completed and phase two work is expected to begin.

Drivers should expect delays and must use alternate routes during the bridge closures. 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.

King Construction Inc. (Hesston, KS) is the primary contractor on this multi-bridge replacement project with a total contract cost of \$1.378 million. **The scheduled completion date for the multi-bridge replacement project is late September 2013, 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/>.

For more information on this multi-bridge replacement project, please contact Kimberly Qualls, Northeast Kansas Public Affairs Manager, at (785) 640-9340, or Jerry Haug, Wamego Construction Engineer, at (785) 456-2353. (KDOT Project #18-99 KA 1799-01)

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