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Second US-24 Bridge Replacement to Begin in Shawnee County

Weather permitting, on **Monday, April 2**, a second bridge replacement project will begin on the US-24 bridge spanning Ensign Creek located between Silver Lake and Rossville. In late February 2012, a bridge replacement project also began on the US-24 bridge spanning over Bourbanis Creek located just west of Rossville. The two bridges are located approximately eight miles apart in Shawnee County.

Beginning **on Wednesday, April 4**, eastbound and westbound US-24 over the bridge will be reduced to one lane for both directions of traffic as the bridge will be reconstructed one half at a time. Traffic will be directed across the bridge by traffic signals at either end of the bridge. There will be a posted speed limit of 50 mph through the project work zone. There will be a 13' lane width restriction on the Ensign Creek Bridge. Work will take place during daylight hours from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, with some occasional Saturday work.

Drivers should expect major delays during peak travel times and are encouraged to use alternate routes, if possible. Updated traffic information for this bridge replacement project can be viewed online: www.ksdot.org/topekametro/laneclose.asp.

Ebert Construction Company (Wamego, KS) is the primary contractor on this bridge replacement project with a total contract cost of \$969,737. **The scheduled**

completion date for the bridge replacement project is late November 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 more information on this bridge replacement project, please contact Kimberly Qualls, Northeast Kansas Public Affairs Manager, at (785) 640-9340, or Mary Files, Construction Manager, at (785) 296-2291. (*KDOT Project #24-89 KA 0711-01*)

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