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Second US-24 Bridge Replacement to Begin in Shawnee County – **UPDATE!**

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 Thursday, April 5**, eastbound and westbound US-24 over the bridge will 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. **(Due to the rainy weather scheduled for Wednesday, April 4, the lane closure start date has been moved to Thursday, April 5.)**

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/lane/close.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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