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US-24 Bridge Repair Project to Begin in Topeka – UPDATE #2!

On **Monday, August 20**, a project will begin to replace the bridge approach pavement on the eastbound and westbound US-24 bridges over the railroad tracks (located east of the Goodyear Plant) in north Topeka (Shawnee County). 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 scheduling conflicts the project start date has been rescheduled from Wednesday, August 15 to Monday, August 20.)**

Beginning on **Monday, August 20 at 7:00 a.m.**, eastbound and westbound US-24 will be reduced to one lane each direction from approximately .5 mile on either side of both bridges, 24/7 round the clock, throughout the project duration. Traffic will be directed through the project work zone via concrete safety barrier, arrow boards and signage. There will be a posted speed limit of 50 mph and a 12-foot lane width restriction through the project work zone throughout the project duration.

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

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.

Amino Brothers (Kansas City, KS) is the primary contractor on this bridge project with a total contract cost of \$373,000. **The scheduled completion date for the entire bridge project is late October 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/>.

For more information on this bridge project, please contact Kimberly Qualls, Northeast Kansas Public Affairs Manager, at (785) 640-9340, or Kevin Kellerman, Construction Engineer, at (785) 296-3986. *(KDOT Project #24-89 KA 2679-01)*

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