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US-159 Bridge Repair Project Set to Begin in Atchison County

Weather permitting, on **Monday, August 15**, a repair project will begin on the US-159 bridge over Grasshopper Creek located between the K-9 junction and 310 Road in Atchison County. The bridge is located just .77-miles north of the US-159/K-9 junction. Crews will repair (the bridge drip edge lines) the outside edges of the underside of the bridge deck. Work will take place daily Monday through Friday during daylight hours throughout the project duration.

Traffic over the bridge will be reduced to one lane beginning on **Monday, August 15**. Flaggers will direct traffic across the bridge during working hours throughout the duration of the project. Traffic will be restricted to one 12-foot wide lane across the bridge. A 20 mph speed limit will be posted through the project work zone during working hours. Drivers should expect delays of up to 15 minutes maximum and are advised to use alternate routes, if possible.

Engineered Systems (Bonner Springs, KS) is the primary contractor on this bridge repair project with a total contract cost of \$100,647. **Project work is scheduled to be completed by late September 2011, 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 repair project, please contact Kimberly Qualls,

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Construction Engineer, at (785) 486-2142. (KDOT Project #159-3 KA 1582-01)

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