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Westbound US-24 Bridge Repair Project to Begin in Topeka

Weather permitting, on **Thursday, September 10 at 7:00 a.m.**, a repair project will begin on the westbound US-24 bridge over the Union Pacific Railroad tracks located approximately 1.56 miles east of Topeka Boulevard in Topeka (Shawnee County). Crews will complete joint repair work on the bridge. Work will take place Monday through Friday, during daylight hours.

Beginning at **7:00 a.m. on Thursday, September 10**, westbound US-24 will be reduced to one lane across the bridge for the duration of the project. Advance message boards will alert drivers to the lane closure. Traffic will be channeled through the project work zone via concrete barriers. During the first phase of the project, the left lane on the bridge will be closed to traffic. Then during the second phase of the project, the right lane on the bridge will be closed to traffic. There will be a 10.5-foot width restriction on the bridge with no other restrictions for height or weight. Drivers should expect minor delays and are advised to use alternate routes, if possible.

Updated lane closure information for this bridge repair project can be viewed online at:

www.ksdot.org/topekametro/laneclose.asp.

PCI Roads, LLC is the primary contractor on this \$200,588 bridge repair project. The scheduled completion date for the bridge repair project is mid-December 2009.

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, Northeast Kansas Public Affairs Manager, at (785) 640-9340, or Steve Baalman, Field Engineering Administrator, at (785) 296-2291.

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