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142nd Street at I-70 Bridge Replacement Project Set to Begin

Weather permitting, on Wednesday, February 16 at 9:00 a.m., a bridge replacement project will begin on the 142nd Street bridge spanning I-70/Kansas Turnpike in Leavenworth/Wyandotte Counties. Northbound and southbound 142nd Street will be closed between Kansas Avenue and Riverview Avenue beginning at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, February 16 and will remain closed throughout the duration of the project.

Traffic impacts on this project will include possible daily lane closures (between 9:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.) on eastbound and westbound I-70/Kansas Turnpike and the closure of the right shoulder in both directions of I-70/Kansas Turnpike at 142nd Street. No marked detours will be provided. Drivers should expect delays and allow extra time for their daily commutes. Updated daily lane closure information for this bridge replacement project can be viewed online at: www.ksdot.org/kcmetro/lane-close.asp.

Comanche Construction Co., Inc. is the primary contractor on this $1.96 million bridge replacement project. The scheduled completion date for this bridge project is late fall 2011.

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 Amy Pope, Bonner Springs Construction Engineer at (913) 721-2754.

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