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### 7th Street/US-169 Closures Scheduled Next Weekend for Bridge Project in Wyandotte County

Weather permitting, on **Friday, September 5**, 7th Street/US-169 will close between Kansas Avenue and I-70 for concrete placement of the new 7th Street Bridge deck in Wyandotte County. **7th Street/US-169 will close starting at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, September 5, and will reopen to all traffic at 5:30 a.m. on Monday, September 8.**

This is the first of two planned closures for the concrete placement on the new bridge deck. The second closure is tentatively planned for Friday, September 19, 2008. A separate news release for this closure will be issued at a later date.

Advance message boards have been placed to alert drivers to the lane closure. Marked detours will be provided. Southbound traffic will detour via westbound I-70 to 18th Street to Kansas Avenue and northbound traffic will detour via Kansas Avenue to 18th Street to eastbound I-70 to Central Avenue. The ramp from eastbound I-70 to 7th Street has been closed for this bridge replacement and will be throughout the duration of the project. The ramps to and from westbound I-70 will remain open.

Speed limits will be reduced to 60 mph through the project work zone. Drivers should expect major delays and are advised to use alternate routes, if possible. Updated daily lane closure information for this bridge replacement project can be viewed online at: [www.ksdot.org/kcmetro/lane/close.asp](http://www.ksdot.org/kcmetro/lane/close.asp).

This work is part of a bridge replacement project that began in February 2007 for the 7th Street/US-169 Bridge. Hawkins Construction Company is the primary contractor on this bridge replacement project with a total contract cost of \$18.2 million. The scheduled completion date for the entire project is late December 2008.

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 questions or additional information on this bridge replacement project, please contact Kimberly Qualls, Northeast Kansas Public Affairs Manager, at (785) 640-9340, or Jason Van Nice, Lawrence Construction Engineer, at (785) 842-0299.

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