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Bridge Repair Scheduled for Westbound I-70 Over 7th Street in Wyandotte County

Weather permitting on Monday, April 20, a repair project will begin on the westbound I-70 over 7th Street Bridge in Wyandotte County. Crews will replace expansion joints on the bridge. Work will take place daily, Monday through Friday (with an occasional Saturday) during daylight hours only.

The bridge joint repair project will be completed in two phases with impacts to traffic during both phases. For phase one, beginning on Monday, April 20, the ramp from westbound I-70 to 7th Street will be closed. A marked detour will be provided. Traffic will continue west on I-70 to 18th Street then directed back to 7th Street via eastbound I-70. For phase two, westbound I-70 will be reduced to one lane. Traffic will be directed through the work zone via signage. Drivers should expect minor delays and are encouraged to use alternate routes.

Advance message boards will alert drivers to the ramp/lane closures. Updated daily ramp/lane closure information for this bridge repair project can be viewed online at: www.ksdot.org/kcmetro/laneclose.asp.

Comanche Construction, Inc. is the primary contractor on this $77,000 bridge repair project. The scheduled completion date for the entire project is late April 2009, weather permitting

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

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