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Bridge Ramp Repair Project to Begin at I-70 and Fairfax Trafficway

Weather permitting, beginning on Monday, August 6, two bridge ramp repair projects will begin at I-70 and Fairfax Trafficway in Wyandotte County. This repair project will include both the southbound Fairfax Trafficway to eastbound I-70 and the westbound I-70 to northbound Fairfax Trafficway bridge ramps.

Marked detours will be provided. Southbound Fairfax Trafficway traffic will be detoured via 3rd Street to Armstrong, Armstrong to 4th Street, and then 4th Street to Minnesota Avenue. Westbound I-70 traffic will be detoured via Minnesota Avenue to 5th Street, 5th Street to Armstrong, and then Armstrong to 3rd Street. Drivers should expect some minor delays during the bridge repair project and are encouraged to use alternate routes, if possible.

Comanche Construction, Inc., is the primary contractor for these two bridge repair projects with total contract costs per project of \$722,600 and \$754,330, respectively. The scheduled completion date for both projects is early winter 2007.

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 work zone. For more information on these bridge repair projects, please contact Kimberly Qualls, Northeast Kansas Public Affairs Manager, at (785) 296-3881, or Jim Wetterberg, Bonner Springs Construction Engineer, at (913) 721-2754.

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