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Eastbound I-70 Kansas River Bridge Repair Project to Begin in Wyandotte County

Weather permitting, on Tuesday, September 14 at approximately 8:30 a.m., a repair project will begin on the eastbound I-70 bridge spanning the Kansas River in Wyandotte County. The bridge repair project includes the replacement of expansion joints on the bridge deck. Work will take place daily, Monday through Friday (with an occasional Saturday), during daylight hours only.

Project work will be completed in two phases with impacts to traffic occurring during both phases. Beginning on Tuesday, September 14 at 8:30 a.m., Phase I work will reduce eastbound traffic to two lanes on the right side of the bridge while repair work on the left side of the bridge is completed. Once Phase I work is completed, Phase II will begin with traffic reduced to two lanes on left side of the bridge while work on the right side is completed.

During Phase I, the ramps from Fairfax Avenue to eastbound I-70 and from Washington Boulevard to eastbound I-70 will be closed. During Phase II, the ramp from Washington Boulevard to eastbound I-70 will remain closed and the left lane entrance ramp to eastbound I-70 at Third Street will be closed. Marked detours will be provided.

Advance message boards will alert traffic to the ramp and lane closures. Drivers should expect delays and allow extra time for their daily commutes. Updated daily ramp and lane closure information for this bridge repair project can be viewed online at: www.ksdot.org/kcmetro/laneclose.asp.

Comanche Construction Co., Inc. is the primary contractor on this $127,007 bridge repair project. The scheduled completion date for this bridge repair project is mid-October 2010.

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 Jim Wetterberg, Bonner Springs Construction Engineer at (913) 721-2754.

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