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I-670 Bridge Repair Project Set to Begin in Wyandotte County

Weather permitting, on **Friday April 15**, an expansion joint replacement project will begin on the eastbound and westbound I-670 bridges spanning the Kansas River in Wyandotte County. Crews will replace the existing expansion joints in a two phase project on the bridge. Work will take place daily, Monday through Friday with an occasional Saturday, during daylight hours.

On **Friday, April 15 at approximately 8:30 a.m.**, the **eastbound** right hand lane on the bridge will be closed so crews can begin set-up of traffic control for the repair project. Traffic will be restricted to two through lanes while the existing lane marking is removed and new lane markings are applied for the right hand side of the bridge. On **Saturday, April 16** at sunrise, the traffic will be restricted to one through lane as the left two lanes will be closed while completing pavement marking for Phase I. The traffic is expected to be in its final configuration with traffic shifted to the right, placed on two through lanes by late Saturday evening. On **Monday, April 18**, crews will place concrete safety barrier across the bridge deck.

On **Friday, April 29 at approximately 8:30 a.m.**, work will begin to setup traffic control for the **westbound bridge**, similar to the process described above for the eastbound bridge. The traffic is expected to be in its final configuration with traffic shifted to the right with two through lanes of traffic by late evening on Saturday, April 30. Traffic will be restricted to one 11-foot wide lane across the bridge.

During Phase II, the traffic on both the eastbound and westbound bridges will be shifted to the left with two through lanes to finish the expansion joint repairs. Additional traffic impacts for the project include the closure of the eastbound and westbound I-670 exit ramps to Genessee Street in Phase II. The contractor is restricted from working on the ramps during the timeframe of September 2 through

November 21, 2011. During the closure of these ramps a marked detour will be provided. When the contractor does close those ramps the work will be completed within a 30-consecutive calendar day period. We will issue a separate news release when Phase II traffic changes are scheduled to take place.

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

Comanche Construction, Inc. is the primary on this bridge repair project with a total contract cost of \$2.821 million. The scheduled completion date for the entire project is mid-December 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 repair project, please contact Kimberly Qualls, Northeast Kansas Public Affairs Manager, at (785) 640-9340, or Jim Wetterberg, Bonner Springs Construction Manager, at (913) 721-2754.

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