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Northbound K-7 Over Kansas River Bridge Repair Project to Begin in Wyandotte & Johnson Counties

On **Thursday, July 19**, repair and overlay work will begin on the northbound K-7 Bridge over the Kansas River at the Wyandotte and Johnson County line. Project work includes hinge and joint replacement, abutment repairs and application of a polymer overlay on the bridge deck. Work will take place daily, Monday through Friday during daylight hours.

Varying lane closures will occur on northbound and southbound K-7 over the Kansas River bridges from **Thursday/Wednesday, July 19-25** as crews construct a median crossover and complete other preparation work. Then beginning on **Thursday, July 26 at 6:00 a.m.**, northbound K-7 will be shifted to the southbound K-7 bridge and traffic will be placed head to head, one lane in each direction, approximately a half-mile south of the southbound K-7 bridge and over the bridge itself, 24/7 round the clock, throughout the project duration. Traffic will be directed through the project via cones and signage. There will be a 60 mph posted speed limit and traffic will be restricted to a 12-foot lane width restriction through the project work zone during the duration of the project.

Also, beginning on **Thursday, July 26**, the northbound K-7 to K-32 exit ramp will be closed for the duration of the project. A marked detour will be provided. Traffic will detour via northbound K-7 to the Nettleton Avenue interchange, then back return back on southbound K-7 to K-32.

Special Note: The polymer overlay will be applied after all bridge repair work is completed. If the polymer overlay is not applied by this December, the project will suspend for

the winter shutdown period and all traffic will return to normal operations during the winter season. Thus, the polymer overlay may not be applied until spring 2013. Advance notification will be sent under separate cover for the polymer overly application next spring, if needed.

Drivers should expect some delays, especially during peak morning/evening rush hours, and are encouraged to use alternate routes, if possible. Advance message boards will alert traffic to the lane and ramp closures. Updated traffic information for this bridge project can be viewed online: www.ksdot.org/kcmetro/laneclose.asp.

L.G. Barcus and Sons (Kansas City, KS) is the primary contractor on this bridge repair project with a total contract cost of \$1.98 million. **The scheduled completion date for the entire project is mid-December 2012 or spring 2013 (see special note listed above), weather permitting.**

This project is funded by T-WORKS, the transportation program passed by the Kansas Legislature in May 2010. Find out more about this and other T-WORKS projects at: <http://kdotapp.ksdot.org/TWorks/>.

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