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Two I-35 Bridge Repair Projects Set to Begin

Weather permitting, on **Monday, March 21**, one of two bridge repair projects is set to begin on I-35 in Johnson and Wyandotte Counties. The first repair project will take place on the Lamar Avenue bridge spanning over I-35; the second repair project will take place on the I-35 bridge spanning over Southwest Boulevard. On the Lamar Avenue bridge, crews will repair approximately 35-foot of the bridge wall due to damage caused from a vehicle crash. On the I-35 bridge over Southwest Boulevard, crews will complete repairs on the finger joints and two columns. Repair work will take place on the Lamar Avenue bridge during daylight hours, Monday through Friday; and repair work on the I-35 over Southwest Boulevard bridge will take place during the overnight hours, Monday through Friday.

On **Monday, March 21 at 9:00 a.m.**, the northbound lane of Lamar Avenue will be closed on the bridge over I-35. Northbound Lamar Avenue traffic will not be able to access southbound I-35 due to this closure. A marked detour will be provided. Traffic will detour northbound on I-35 to 18th Street Expressway then back to southbound I-35. This will also be the detour for northbound Lamar Avenue as the repair work does not impact any of the interchange ramps or southbound Lamar Avenue traffic. This bridge repair work is scheduled to be completed in approximately five days, weather permitting.

Then the following **Monday, March 28, at 7:30 p.m.**, repair work will begin on the southbound I-35 bridge over Southwest Boulevard. For this repair project, southbound I-35 will be reduced to one lane over the Southwest Boulevard bridge during working hours only. Crews will complete the repair work overnight between 7:30 p.m. and 5:30 a.m., Monday through Friday. This bridge repair work is scheduled to be completed in approximately five days, weather permitting.

Marked detours will be provided as stated above. Updated traffic information for these bridge repair projects can be viewed online at: www.ksdot.org/kcmetro/laneclose.asp.

PCI Roads is the primary contractor on these bridge repair projects with a total contract cost of \$46,500. Both bridge repair projects are scheduled to be completed by early April 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 project information, 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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