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Southbound lanes of I-135 south of Newton to be detoured

A two (2) mile section of the southbound lanes of I-135, located south of the US 50/K-15 interchange in Newton, are scheduled to close to facilitate repair work on the SE 24th Street bridge over I-135. The closure of this two (2) mile section of I-135 will begin on Friday, August 15 starting around 8 PM and will reopen around 8 AM on Saturday, August 16 and then will close again on Saturday, August 16 around 8 PM and will reopen around 12 PM (Noon) on Sunday, August 17. A signed detour will route traffic from I-135 to US-50 to K-15 to South Kansas Avenue to SE 36th Street then back to I-135. Oversized loads will not be able to navigate the detour, so over length or over width trucks will need to use an alternate route during these closure time periods. Northbound I-135 traffic will be unaffected by this bridge work.

The contractor, Dondlinger & Sons Construction Co., will be setting new bridge beams and undertaking other repairs to the SE 24th Street bridge, which was struck by a semi-truck in May. Highway construction project locations and road condition information can be viewed at the <http://511.ksdot.org> website, or can also be accessed by telephone by dialing 511. KDOT urges all motorists to be alert, obey the warning signs, and "Give 'Em a Brake!" when approaching and driving through a highway work

zone. Persons with questions about this road work or other KDOT projects can call South Central Kansas Public Affairs Manager, Martin Miller, at 620-663-3361 or 1-877-550-5368 (Toll free).

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