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I-70 Deep Creek Road Bridge Repair Project Begins in Riley County

On **Monday, July 11**, a repair project began on both the eastbound and westbound I-70 bridges spanning over Deep Creek Road located approximately .15-mile east of the Riley/Geary County line. Crews will complete bridge repair work Monday through Friday during daylight hours.

Beginning on **Tuesday, July 12**, both eastbound and westbound I-70 will be reduced to one lane over the bridges throughout the project duration. The left lanes in both directions will be closed first for repair work, followed by the right lanes in both directions. The eastbound I-70 entrance ramp from Deep Creek Road will be closed throughout the project duration. Traffic will be directed via concrete barriers over the bridges and restricted to one 13.6-foot wide lane over each bridge through the project work zone. A 65 mph speed limit will be posted through the project work zone.

Crews will complete repairs to the bridge deck and related strip seals between the deck and bridge approaches. Once the repairs are made, a silica fume overlay will be applied to the bridge decks. A silica fume overlay is a thin bonded overlay used to seal and protect the bridge deck.

Wildcat Construction Company Inc. (Topeka, KS) is the primary contractor on this bridge repair project for a total contract cost of \$342,802. The scheduled completion date for the bridge repair project is late September 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 project work zone. For more information on this bridge repair project (*KDOT Project #70-81 KA 1899-01*), please contact Kimberly Qualls, Northeast Kansas Public Affairs Manager, at (785) 640-9340, or Jerry Haug, Wamego Construction Engineer, at (785) 456-2353.

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