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# U.S. 75 Bridge Approach Pavement Replacement Project to Begin in Osage County

Due to ongoing forecasts for winter weather this month, the U.S. 75 bridge approach pavement replacement project in Osage County has been **SUSPENDED** until further notice. There is no confirmed project start date at this time. We will send out advance notice of the rescheduled project start date as soon as it becomes available.

Weather permitting, on **Monday, March 10**, a pavement approach replacement project will begin on a total of eight bridges along an 8-mile stretch of the two-lane portion of U.S. 75 from the Maris des Cygnes River Bridge to the south Osage County line. Project work includes the replacement of approximately 30-40 ft. of the concrete bridge approach pavement and all new pavement markings. Work will take place during daylight hours, Monday through Friday, with some occasional Saturday work.

Beginning on **Monday, March 10**, northbound and southbound U.S. 75 will be reduced to one lane for both directions over four of the eight total bridges on the project, 24/7 round the clock, throughout the project duration. Traffic will be directed through the project work zone via traffic signals at the end of bridge. There will be a posted speed limit of 35 mph and a 14-foot lane width restriction, 24/7 round the clock, through the project work zone throughout the project duration. No large structures or superloads will be allowed through the project work zone.

Upon completion of work on the first four bridges, traffic control will then be switched to the remaining four bridges and work will then be completed on those bridges. Advance notification will be sent out under separate cover when this traffic switch is scheduled to occur.

Drivers should expect delays and allow extra time for their daily commutes throughout the project duration. Updated traffic information for this bridge approach pavement replacement project can be viewed at:

[www.ksdot.org/topekametro/laneclose.asp](http://www.ksdot.org/topekametro/laneclose.asp).

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.

Bettis Asphalt (Topeka, KS) is the primary contractor on this project with a total contract cost of \$3.289 million (which also includes the resurfacing work that was completed in 2013). **The scheduled completion date for the bridge approach pavement replacement project is late June 2014, 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/>.

For more information on this bridge approach pavement replacement project, please contact Kimberly Qualls, Northeast Kansas Public Affairs Manager, at (785) 640-9340, or Nathan Anstey, Construction Manager, at (620) 342-5402. (KDOT Project #75-70 KA 2182-01)

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