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U.S. 40 Kansas River Bridges Repair Project to Begin in Douglas County

On **Monday, April 8**, a repair project will begin on the northbound and southbound U.S. 40 Bridges over the Kansas River in downtown Lawrence (Douglas County). Crews will complete repairs on the bridge bearings followed by painting work on the repaired areas. Work will take primarily underneath the bridge deck with no restricted times/days as to when crews will complete repair work on the project.

Beginning at **9:00 a.m. on Monday, April 8**, northbound and southbound U.S. 40 over the Kansas River Bridges will be reduced to one lane each direction for the duration of the project. Traffic will be directed through the project work zone via signage and cones. Drivers should expect significant delays during peak commute times and may wish to use alternate routes, if possible. There will be a posted speed limit of 25 mph and a 12-foot lane width restriction through the project work zone at all times. No oversized or supersized loads will be allowed through the project work zone.

Updated traffic information for this project can be viewed online at: 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.

PCI Roads (Saint Michael, MN) is the primary contractor on this \$150,000 bridge repair project. **Project work is scheduled to be completed by mid-June 2013, 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 repair project, please contact Kimberly Qualls, Northeast Kansas Public Affairs Manager, at (785) 640-9340, or Nathan Jeffries, Construction Manager, at (785) 842-0299. (KDOT Project #40-23 KA-3075-0)

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