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**Two US-36 Bridge Replacement Projects Set to Begin in Brown County**

Weather permitting, on **Monday, February 28**, two bridge replacement projects are scheduled to begin on US-36 in Brown County. The two bridges are located 2.2 miles and 5 miles east of Fairview with one spanning Spring Creek and the other over Walnut Creek. Work will take place daily during daylight hours throughout the project duration.

Traffic over the bridges will be reduced to one lane beginning on **Thursday, March 10**. Temporary traffic signals will be installed **the weeks of February 28-March 9**. The signals will direct traffic across the bridges round the clock (24/7) during the duration of the project. Traffic will be restricted to one 12-foot wide lane across both bridges. Drivers should expect minor delays and are advised to use alternate routes, if possible.

Crews will remove two 26-foot-wide reinforced concrete deck girder continuous and haunch bridges with two 44-foot-wide reinforced concrete slab continuous and haunch bridges. Both bridges are approximately 200-foot long and each will be constructed one-half at a time. First half will include construction of a 16-foot width with the second half including the remaining 28-foot width.

Beachner Construction Co. is the primary contractor on these bridge replacement projects with a total contract cost of \$2.2 million. Project work is scheduled to be completed in March 2012.

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 questions or additional information on these bridge replacement projects, please contact Kimberly Qualls, Northeast Kansas Public Affairs Manager, at (785) 640-9340, or Kevin Palic, Construction Manager, at (913) 721-2754.

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