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US-24 Big Blue River Bridge Repair Project Begins in Pottawatomie County

On **Tuesday, September 4**, a repair project began on the westbound US-24 over Big Blue River Bridge at the east city limits of Manhattan (Pottawatomie County). The eastbound US-24 Big Blue River Bridge will remain open and is not included in this project. Project work includes expansion joint replacement, bridge deck patching and a polymer overlay. The resurfacing project will smooth the road and fill cracks that can shorten pavement life. Work will take place during daylight hours, Monday through Friday.

Beginning on **Tuesday, September 4**, traffic was reduced to one lane over the westbound US-24 Bridge and will remain this way throughout the project duration. Traffic will be directed through the project work zone via signage and cones. There will be a posted speed limit of 40 mph and a 15-foot width restriction throughout the project work zone. Drivers should expect some delays and are encouraged to use alternate routes, if possible. **NOTE:** K-State game day traffic should allow plenty of extra time on home game days due to potential travel delays.

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.

Wildcat Construction Co. (Wichita, KS) is the primary contractor on this bridge repair project with a total contract cost of \$197,654. **The scheduled completion date for the bridge repair project is late October 2012, 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/>.

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