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US-56 Bridge Replacement Project Set to Begin in Osage County

Weather permitting, on **Monday, March 14 at 9:00 a.m.**, a bridge replacement project will begin on US-56 just west of the US-75 junction in Osage County. Crews will replace the box culvert located under the US-56 roadway at Hundred Ten Mile Creek.

On Monday, March 14 at approximately 9:00 a.m., both eastbound and westbound US-56 will be closed to all but local traffic approximately .44 miles west of the US-56/US-75 junction. A marked detour will be provided. Traffic will follow a marked detour on US-56 through Burlingame to Osage City and then back to US-75 via K-31. Drivers must use alternate routes during the project duration.

Bryan-Ohlmeier Construction Company is the primary contractor on this \$214,227 bridge replacement project. The scheduled completion date for the bridge replacement project is mid-June 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 the project work zone. For more information on this bridge replacement project, please contact Kimberly Qualls, Northeast Kansas Public Affairs Manager, at (785) 296-3881, or Steve Baalman, Field Engineering Administrator, at (785) 296-2291.

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