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# US-75 Reconstruction Project to Begin in Nemaha/Brown Counties

On **Monday, July 9**, a two-part reconstruction project will begin on a 5-mile section of US-75 from the Sabetha to the Kansas/Nebraska state line in Brown/Nemaha Counties. Project work includes culvert box and pipe extensions, shoulder reconstruction, bridge replacement, and concrete surfacing of mainline lanes and shoulders. The current roadway consists of asphalt pavement with rock shoulders. Crews will mill away 3-inches of existing asphalt and replace with 4-inches of new concrete and new 7-foot paved concrete shoulders. Work will take place during daylight hours, Monday through Friday, with some occasional Saturday work.

Included in this project is the replacement of the US-75 bridge over Rock Creek near the Kansas/Nebraska state line. Crews will replace the existing 26-foot wide reinforced concrete girder structure with a 44-foot wide (two 12-lanes with 10-foot shoulders) reinforced concrete slab structure. While the new bridge is being constructed, traffic will detour via a shoofly that will be constructed by this fall. Once the shoofly detour is completed and traffic is shifted onto it, the existing bridge will be demolished. The additional traffic impact for the project will be provided in advance under separate notification.

Project work will begin on **Monday, July 9**, and will take place off mainline US-75 with little to no traffic impacts through late fall 2012. Crews will complete work on the

culvert box and pipe extensions, construction of the shoofly, and grading for the new extended shoulders.

Koss Construction Inc. (Topeka, KS) is the primary contractor on this reconstruction project with a total contract cost of \$7.665 million. **Overall project work is scheduled to be completed in October 2013, weather permitting.**

This modernization 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/>.

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 this reconstruction project, please contact Kimberly Qualls, Northeast Kansas Public Affairs Manager, at (785) 640-9340, or Kevin Palic, Construction Manager, at (785) 336-2183. (KDOT Project #75-7 KA 0747-01 & 0748-01)

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