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### **US-75 Short-Term Closure Scheduled for New Pedestrian Bridge Placement**

Weather permitting, during the **early morning on Wednesday, November 17**, northbound and southbound US-75 will close to all traffic for three days for placement of the new pedestrian bridge over US-75 located approximately .28 miles north of the K-31/K-268 junction in Osage County. US-75 will be closed just north of K-31/K-268 and just south of the US-75/US-56 junction. Local access will still be maintained from just north of the project limits up to the US-75/US-56 junction. US-75 is scheduled to reopen to all traffic late evening on **Friday, November 19**.

Advance message boards will alert drivers to the roadway closure. A marked detour will be provided during the US-75 closure. Northbound US-75 traffic will take K-31 west to Osage City, then north on US-56 to Burlingame and then east on US-56 to Scranton, then back to north US-75; southbound US-75 traffic will follow the reverse of this detour. Drivers must use alternate routes during the US-75 closure.

This bridge replacement project includes removal of the existing railroad bridge over US-75, grading work to widen the slopes adjacent to the bridge, addition of paved shoulders, and installation of a new pedestrian bridge. TL Enterprises, Inc. is the primary contractor on this \$887,364 bridge project. This project is funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009. The scheduled completion date for the entire project is late November 2010.

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 project, please contact Kimberly Qualls, Northeast Kansas Public Affairs Manager, at (785) 640-9340, or Steve Baalman, Field Engineering Administrator, at (785) 296-2291.

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