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County Route 1057 Bridge Replacement Project Begins in Douglas County

On Monday, March 12, a replacement project will begin on the Wakarusa River Bridge on Douglas County Route 1057, located approximately three miles east of Lawrence and .5-miles south of K-10.

Beginning on **Monday, March 12**, the bridge will be closed to all traffic at K-10 approximately .5-miles north of the bridge and at County Route 458 south of the bridge. A marked detour will be provided via K-10 east to Route 1061 (E 2200 Road/Church Street in Eudora), then south to County Route 458 (N 1000 Road). Local access to properties within the road closure will be maintained throughout the duration of the project.

The purpose of the project is to replace the existing structurally deficient bridge that was constructed in 1957. The bridge deck is in poor condition, and the bridge is currently posted for a 15-ton load limit. The existing bridge is 394 feet long with a 24-foot roadway width. The new bridge will be 410 feet long with a 36-foot roadway width (two 12-foot wide driving lanes with two 6-foot wide shoulders).

Comanche Construction Inc. (Shawnee Mission, KS) is the primary contractor on this \$2.75 million bridge replacement project. **Project work is scheduled to be completed by December 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/>.

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) 640-9340, or Jason Van Nice, Construction Manager, at (785) 842-0299. *(KDOT Project # C 4123-01)*

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