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I-470 & I-70 Interchange Bridge Ramp Repair & Resurfacing Project to Begin in Shawnee County

Weather permitting, on **Monday, August 15**, a repair and resurfacing project will begin on the westbound I-470 to westbound I-70 bridge ramp over 10th Street in Topeka (Shawnee County). Crews will mill approximately 2-inches off the bridge deck, complete patching work and then overlay the bridge deck with a 1.5-inch silica-fume application followed by new pavement markings. Work will take place during daylight hours on the weekdays, Monday through Friday, with some occasional Saturday work.

Beginning on **Monday, August 22 after morning rush hour**, the westbound I-470 to westbound I-70 bridge ramp (over 10th Street) will be closed for repair work. A marked detour will be provided. Traffic will detour via I-470 to eastbound I-70, then eastbound I-70 to the Wanamaker Road exit, then Wanamaker Road north to the westbound I-70 entrance ramp.

Advance message boards will alert drivers to the ramp closure. Drivers should expect major delays during peak travel times and are encouraged to use alternate routes, if possible. Updated traffic information for this bridge repair and resurfacing project can be viewed online at: www.ksdot.org/topekametro/laneclose.asp.

PCI Roads (St. Michael, Minnesota) is the primary contractor on this bridge repair and resurfacing project with a total contract cost of \$125,460. **The scheduled completion date for the entire project is mid-October 2011, 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 repair and resurfacing project, please contact Kimberly Qualls, Northeast Kansas Public Affairs Manager, at (785) 640-9340, or Steve Baalman, Field Engineering Administrator, at (785) 296-2291. (*KDOT Project #470-89 KA-1627-01*)

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