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## **Joint Replacement Project to Begin on Stover Road Bridges Over U.S. 24 in Topeka**

On **Tuesday, April 22**, a project will begin to replace joints on the twin Stover Road bridges spanning over U.S. 24 just east of the U.S. 75 interchange in Topeka (Shawnee County). Project work also includes the removal and repainting of the rockers underneath the bridges with work taking place off the U.S. 24 roadway. Work will take place during daylight hours, Monday through Friday, with some occasional Saturday work.

On **Tuesday, April 22**, the Stover Road bridges will be restricted in width to traffic as joint replacement work begins on one-half of each of the bridges at a time in each direction. There will be a 9-foot lane width restriction through the project work zone throughout the project duration.

Semi truck traffic will need to cross the Stover Road bridges at reduced speeds throughout the project duration. To access Del Monte, truck traffic will need to utilize the Goodyear Road exit on U.S. 24 and adjacent frontage road. To access PTMW, truck traffic will need to utilize Menoken Road to 25th Street.

Traffic will be directed through the project work zone via cones and signage. Drivers should expect little to no delays on U.S. 24 as all work will take place off the highway.

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.

Mill Valley Construction, Inc., (Shawnee Mission, KS) is the primary contractor on this bridge repair project with a total contract cost of \$48,094. **The scheduled completion date for the project is late May 2014, 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/>.

For more information on this bridge joint replacement project, please contact Kimberly Qualls, Northeast Kansas Public Affairs Manager, at (785) 640-9340, or Bill Heptig, Field Engineering Administrator, at (785) 296-3986. (KDOT Project #24-89 KA-3184-01)

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