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For Thursday, April 26-Mid-May 2012 in Lawrence/Douglas County

K-10/23rd Street

EXPECT DELAYS! Beginning at **9:00 a.m. on Thursday, April 26**, the <u>westbound right lane of K-10/23rd Street from Haskell Avenue to Barker Avenue</u> in Lawrence will be closed for the completion of storm sewer improvements and for the completion of shoofly pavement on the north side of the existing bridge. This work is scheduled to take approximately 2-3 weeks, so the westbound lane closure is scheduled to reopen in **mid-May 2012**, weather permitting.

Once the work on the westbound (north) side is complete, then the <u>eastbound</u> <u>right lane on K-10/23rd Street from Haskell Avenue to Barker Avenue</u> will be closed to complete the south shoofly. This work is scheduled to take approximately 2-3 weeks, so the eastbound lane closure is scheduled to reopen in **mid- to late May 2012**, weather permitting.

Upon completion of both shooflys on the north and south side of the bridge, K-10/23rd Street traffic will then be switched onto the shooflys and the existing bridge will be demolished. Bridge demolition work is tentatively scheduled for mid-May to early June 2012. We will send out notification under separate cover prior to the eastbound lane closure and the traffic switch to the shooflys.

Advance message boards will alert drivers to the lane closures. Drivers should expect major delays during peak travel times. Updated traffic information for the K-10/23rd Street bridge replacement project can be viewed online: <u>www.ksdot.org/topekametro/laneclose.asp</u>.

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. (KDOT T-WORKS Project #10-23 KA 0685-01)

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