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US-24 Mud Creek Bridge Replacement Project Update in Douglas County

The completion date for the US-24 over Mud Creek bridge replacement project in Douglas County has been rescheduled to spring 2011, weather permitting. There have been unanticipated delays on the project due to a variety of geotechnical and weather-related issues that occurred during this last construction season. As the bridge is being constructed half at a time, crews have currently completed the south half of the bridge and will continue to work over the winter season on the north half.

Motorists will continue to be directed across the bridge round the clock via traffic signals located at either end of the bridge. Traffic will be restricted to an 11-foot lane width during the duration of the project. Drivers should expect minor delays and are advised to use alternate routes, if possible. Updated traffic information for this project can be viewed online at: www.ksdot.org/topekametro/laneclose.asp.

Bryan Ohlmeier Construction Inc. is the primary contractor on this bridge replacement project with a total contract cost of \$1.5 million. The scheduled completion date for the entire project is spring 2011.

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 questions or additional information on this bridge replacement project, please contact Kimberly Qualls, Northeast Kansas Public Affairs Manager, at (785) 640-9340, or Jim Wetterberg, Construction Manager, at (913) 721-2754.

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