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### **US-24 Over Mud Creek Bridge Repair Project Set to Begin in Douglas County**

Weather permitting, on **Monday, April 5 at 8:00 a.m.**, a bridge repair project will begin on the US-24 Bridge spanning over Mud Creek in Douglas County. The Mud Creek Bridge is located 2.32 miles east of the US-24 and US-59 junction. Work will take place daily during daylight hours throughout the project duration.

Traffic over the bridge will be reduced to one lane beginning Monday, April 5 through mid-April between 7:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. daily. Flaggers will direct traffic through the work zone during the daytime hours. Once the temporary traffic signals are activated in mid-April, the signals will then direct traffic across the bridge round the clock during the remainder of the project.

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 daily lane closure information for this bridge repair project can be viewed online at: [www.ksdot.org/topekametro/laneclose.asp](http://www.ksdot.org/topekametro/laneclose.asp).

Workers will first patch the bridge deck than apply an asphalt overlay on the entire bridge deck. Resurfacing the bridge deck will smooth the pavement and make it more resistant to damage from de-icing salts.

Bryan Ohlmeier Construction Inc. is the primary contractor on this bridge repair project with a total contract cost of \$1.5 million. The scheduled completion date for the entire project is late fall 2010.

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 repair 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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