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US-40/US-59 Bridge Repair & Resurfacing Project to Begin in Douglas County

Weather permitting, on **Monday, July 25**, a bridge repair and resurfacing project will begin on the northbound and southbound US-40 bridges spanning over the Kansas River in Lawrence/Douglas County. Crews will mill away the existing surface, patch and then overlay the bridge deck with 2-inch layer of concrete 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, July 25 at 9:00 a.m.**, northbound and southbound US-40/US-59 will be reduced to one lane over both Kansas River bridges in Lawrence. Both northbound and southbound will be reduced to one lane of traffic (right lane closed first, then left lane) throughout the project duration. There will be a 12-foot width restriction and a reduced speed limit of 25 mph throughout the project work zone on both bridges. See the map below for traffic control signage throughout the project work zone.

Drivers may encounter delays and are encouraged to use alternate routes, if possible. Updated traffic information for this bridge resurfacing project can be viewed online at: www.ksdot.org/topekametro/laneclose.asp.

Wildcat Construction Inc. is the primary contractor on this bridge repair and resurfacing project with a total contract cost of \$520,000. **The scheduled completion date for the entire project is late October 2011.**

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 Jason Van Nice, Construction Engineer, P.E., at (785) 842-5476. (*KDOT Project #40-23 KA-1593-01*)

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Contractor:	Wildcat Concrete
Project Name:	Bridge Repair
Project Location:	Br. No. 81 & 82 over Kansas River
Prepared By:	Gun-Ko Traffic Control, Inc.
Phone:	913.764.4540
Phase:	Phase A (Outside Lanes)



