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

Weather permitting, on **Monday, August 8**, a bridge repair and resurfacing project will begin on the northbound bridge over the Wakarusa River located approximately one-half mile south of Lawrence in Douglas County. Crews will patch and then overlay the bridge deck with a silica-fume application 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, August 8 at 9:00 a.m.**, northbound US-59 over the Wakarusa River bridge will be reduced to one lane of traffic (left lane closed first, then right lane) and directed via concrete barrier throughout the project duration. There will be a 12-foot width restriction and a reduced speed limit of 45 mph throughout the project work zone.

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

Comanche Construction is the primary contractor on this bridge repair and resurfacing project with a total contract cost of \$192,000. **The scheduled completion date for the entire project is mid-October 2011, 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/>.

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, at (785) 842-0299. (*KDOT Project #59-23 KA 1591-01*)

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