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Westbound I-470 Bridge Repair Projects to Begin in Shawnee County

On **Friday, June 1 at 7:00 p.m.**, a bridge repair project will begin on the westbound I-470 bridge over Gage Boulevard in Topeka (Shawnee County). Project work includes repair work on the approach slabs to the westbound I-470 bridge over Gage Boulevard. Work will take place during the daylight hours; Monday through Friday with some occasional Saturday work.

Beginning on **Friday, June 1 at 7:00 p.m. for approximately two weeks**, westbound I-470 traffic on the bridge over Gage Boulevard will be reduced to one lane, 24/7 round the clock, throughout the project duration. Traffic will be directed through the project work zone via signage and cones. There will be a posted speed limit of 50 mph and an 11-foot lane width restriction through the project work zone throughout the project duration.

Advance message boards will alert drivers to the lane closures. Drivers should expect major delays during peak travel times and are encouraged to use alternate routes, if possible. Updated traffic information for this bridge and pavement repair project can be viewed online at: www.ksdot.org/topekametro/laneclose.asp.

Once the repair work on the westbound I-470 bridge over Gage Boulevard is completed, then repair work will begin on the westbound I-470 bridge over 37th Street. In addition, pavement repair work on both eastbound and westbound I-470 is included with this I-470 bridge and pavement repair project. Separate notification will be sent in

advance of the start dates for the 37th Street bridge repair and the pavement repair work.

R. A. Knapp Construction Inc. (Kansas City, KS) is the primary contractor on this I-470 bridge and pavement repair project with a total contract cost of \$3.678 million.

The scheduled completion date for the entire bridge and pavement project is late 2012, 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 and pavement repair project, please contact Kimberly Qualls, Northeast Kansas Public Affairs Manager, at (785) 640-9340, or Mary Files, Construction Manager, at (785) 296-3986. (KDOT Project #470-89 KA 2640-01)

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