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## **U.S. 75 project set to begin in Topeka, Shawnee County**

A Kansas Department of Transportation project is set to begin next week on U.S. 75 in Topeka and Shawnee County. The project includes replacement of bridge approaches and concrete panels on the bridges over Lower Silver Lake Road, the Union Pacific railroad tracks, Northwest 25<sup>th</sup> Street, Soldier Creek and Northwest 35<sup>th</sup> Street.

On Monday, April 8, work will begin on the northbound bridges over Lower Silver Lake Road and the railroad tracks. The inside lane of U.S. 75 will be closed in the area.

Approximately two weeks later, the inside lane of southbound U.S. 75 will close in the area when work begins on the same bridges.

Lane closures will shift to the outside lanes as work progresses.

The south bridges are expected to be complete in May. Crews will then begin on the Northwest 25<sup>th</sup> Street, Soldier Creek and Northwest 35<sup>th</sup> Street bridges.

Intermittent ramp closures at Lower Silver Lake Road and 35<sup>th</sup> Street will occur at times. Message boards will be in place to alert and direct motorists.

Work will occur Monday through Friday during daylight hours. Lane closures and traffic control will remain in place during non-working hours.

Bettis Asphalt & Construction, of Topeka, is the contractor on the \$3.1 million project, which is scheduled to be complete in October, conditions permitting.

KDOT urges all motorists to be alert and obey the warning signs when approaching and driving through a highway work zone. To stay aware of highway construction projects across Kansas, go to [www.kandrive.org](http://www.kandrive.org) or call 5-1-1.



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