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118th Street Bridge Project Set to Begin in Wyandotte County

On **Monday, March 10**, a project will begin to construct the new 118th Street Bridge spanning over I-70 in Kansas City and Bonner Springs in Wyandotte County. This is Phase 2B construction for the ten-phase ultimate K-7 and I-70 Interchange Project. Phase 2B project work includes construction of a new 118th Street Bridge over I-70 (currently 118th Street runs under I-70), construction of a retaining wall on the seventh green at the adjacent golf course, and relocation of a 60-inch Water One utility water line. Work will take place Monday through Friday between 7:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. daily.

Crews will install traffic control signage during the week of March 10-14. Then beginning on **Monday, March 17**, 118th Street from Riverview Avenue to Speedway Boulevard will be closed to all traffic throughout the project duration. A marked detour will be provided via 110th Street. Access to Sunflower Hills Golf Course will remain open during the project duration. For golf course access, drivers will continue on Riverview Avenue to Tom Lally Drive.

Eastbound and westbound I-70 traffic will remain in two lanes each direction, except for periodic lane closures. Traffic will be directed via signs, cones and arrow boards through the

project work zone. Advance message boards will alert traffic to the lane and bridge closures. More information on the construction phasing for Phase 2B is available at:

<http://www.ksdot.org/kcMetro/projectstudytest.asp>

Updated traffic information for this bridge project can be viewed online: www.ksdot.org/kcmetro/laneclose.asp. Drivers should expect minimal delays and must use alternate routes during the roadway closure.

Phillips Hardy, Inc. (Columbia, MO) is the primary contractor on this bridge project with a total contract cost of \$5.476 million. **The scheduled completion date for the entire project is mid-November 2014, 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/>.

For more information on the K-7 and I-70 Interchange project, visit the project website at: www.k7andi70interchange.org.

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