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Overlay Project to Begin on EB I-70 Over the Lewis & Clark Viaduct in Wyandotte County

On **Monday, July 30**, an overlay project will begin on eastbound I-70 on the Lewis and Clark Viaduct bridges over the Kansas River in Wyandotte County. This will be a two phase project which includes application of a polymer overlay on the bridge deck. Work will take place daily, Monday through Friday.

For phase one of the project, beginning on **Monday, July 30 at 9:00 a.m.**, eastbound I-70 will be reduced to two open lanes (two lane closed) across the Lewis and Clark Viaduct, 24/7 round the clock, throughout the project duration. Traffic will be restricted to two 11-foot lanes with a posted speed limit of 45 mph through the project work zone. As well, the ramps from Washington Boulevard eastbound I-70 and from Fairfax Avenue to eastbound I-70 will be closed will be closed during phase one work. A marked detour will be provided. Traffic will detour via Minnesota Avenue to eastbound I-70.

For phase two of the project, eastbound I-70 will be closed at 3rd Street, 24/7 round the clock, for the duration of the project. A marked detour will be provided. Traffic will detour via 3rd Street to Minnesota Avenue then back to eastbound I-70. Traffic will remain in two open lanes (two lanes closed) across the Lewis and Clark Viaduct. Traffic will continue to be restricted to two 11-foot lanes with a posted speed limit of 45 mph through the project work zone. The ramp from Washington Boulevard to eastbound I-70 will remain closed. Advance notification will be sent under separate cover when phase two of the project begins.

Drivers should expect major delays, especially during peak morning/evening rush hours, and are encouraged to use alternate routes, if possible. Advance message boards will alert

traffic to the lane and ramp closures. Updated traffic information for this bridge overlay project can be viewed online: www.ksdot.org/kcmetro/laneclose.asp.

Truesdell Corporation (Jefferson City, MO) is the primary contractor on this bridge repair project with a total contract cost of \$750,000. **The scheduled completion date for the entire project is early October 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/>.

For more information on this bridge repair project, please contact Kimberly Qualls, Northeast Kansas Public Affairs Manager, at (785) 640-9340, or Amy Pope, Construction Engineer, Bonner Springs at (913) 721-2754. (KDOT Project # 70-105 KA 2707-01)

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