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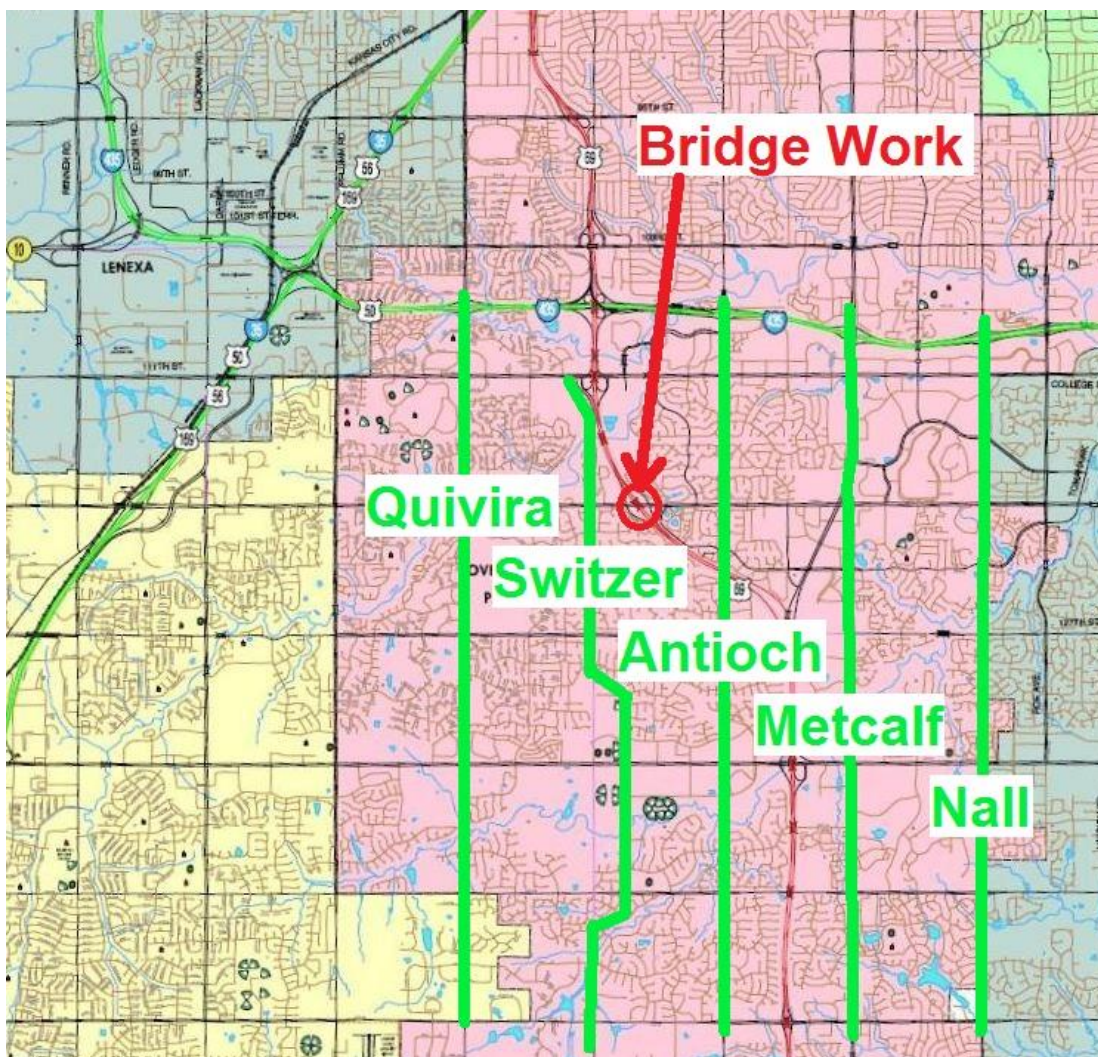
*A look at the existing deteriorating pavement on the NB U.S. 69 Bridge over 119th Street.*

## KDOT Launching ‘Zipper Merge’ on Northbound U.S. 69 over 119th Street Bridge Repair Project

Sometime in **early to mid-June**, weather permitting, a project will begin to repair the northbound U.S. 69 Bridge over 119th Street in Overland Park (Johnson County). Project work includes bridge deck patching and a concrete overlay followed by all new pavement markings. Also included is an asphalt overlay on the northbound U.S. 69 at 119th Street entrance and exit ramps. Work will take place during daylight hours, Monday-Friday with some occasional Saturdays.

Beginning **sometime in early to mid-June**, northbound U.S. 69 over the 119th Street Bridge will be reduced to one lane, 24/7 round the clock, throughout the project duration. Also at some point during the project, the northbound U.S. 69 to 119th Street entrance and exit ramps will be closed short-term for asphalt overlay work.

Advance message boards will alert drivers to the lane and ramp closures. There will be a 55 mph posted speed limit and an 11-foot lane width restriction throughout the project duration. Drivers should expect major delays during peak commute times and are encouraged to allow extra time for their commutes or seek alternate routes. Traffic will be directed through the project work zone via signage, cones and concrete barrier. Suggested alternate routes include (see map below): west of U.S. 69 - Quivira Road or Switzer Road and east of U.S. 69 - Antioch Road, Metcalf Avenue, or Nall Avenue.



For the first time in Kansas, the Kansas Department of Transportation is introducing the 'zipper merge' method of traffic control on this project to direct motorists through the work zone during peak commute times and other heavily congested periods. When traffic is light, drivers will be directed through the work zone via the standard early merge traffic control. To find out more about the zipper merge and its use on this bridge repair project, please visit the project specific site here:

<http://www.ksdot.org/bureaus/kcmetro/zipper-merge.asp>



Updated daily traffic information for this project and for the entire Kansas City Metro Area can be viewed at: [www.ksdot.org/kcmetro/laneclose.asp](http://www.ksdot.org/kcmetro/laneclose.asp).

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.

PCI Roads, LLC (St. Michael, MN) is the primary contractor on this bridge repair project with a total contract cost of \$565,385. **The overall project is scheduled to be completed in late November 2016, 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/>.

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