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Repairs on Six U.S. 54 Bridges in Wichita

Begin August 10

A Kansas Department of Transportation project that includes repairs to six bridges on U.S. 54 – five on eastbound and one on westbound – begins on Monday, August 10. Traffic control contractors will reduce eastbound U.S. 54 from Seneca to Washington to two travel lanes so that work can begin on bridges over Seneca, Sycamore and the Central Business District.

Repairs to the three bridges include bridge expansion joint repair, deck milling, patching, and concrete overlay and will require at least a month of work. Traffic will then be switched so that the south side of the bridges can be repaired. Again, two lanes will be maintained during the second phase of these bridge repairs plus the exit ramp to the Central Business District will be closed.

Lane closures for these bridges repairs will be in place 24/7 and concrete barrier will be used to protect the construction workers on these bridges. The speed limit will be reduced to 50 m.p.h. through the work zone.

Two other eastbound U.S. 54 bridges will be repaired – over Edwards and over Meridian. The lane closures for these repairs will be during the evening and overnight hours and all lanes of traffic in this work zone will be open by 6 a.m. Work on these two bridges include deck patching and expansion joint replacement.

The sixth bridge to be repaired is on westbound U.S. 54 at the Central Business District. The deck patching and expansion joint repair will be made in the evening and overnight hours will all lanes being open by 6 a.m.

Wildcat Concrete Services of Topeka is the contractor on the \$1,458,631 project. It is scheduled to be completed in late November.

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