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## **I-35 bridge repairs begin next week**

On Wednesday, April 24, the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) expects to begin a repair project on the two I-35 bridges over the Marais des Cygnes River. The bridges are located 1½ miles south of the K-68/I-35 junction at Ottawa.

The project will replace the bridge expansion joints. An expansion joint is a device that allows a bridge deck to expand and contract according to temperature changes. North- and southbound I-35 traffic will be reduced to one lane at each bridge, and the speed limit will be reduced to 55 miles per hour. The bridge repairs should be completed by the end of May.

KDOT awarded the construction contract of \$119,727 to King Construction Company, Inc., of Hesston. David Baldrige, construction engineer at the Garnett KDOT office, reminds drivers to reduce speed, use extra caution, and “Give ‘Em a Brake!” at the work zones.

The preservation project is funded under the T-WORKS transportation program. Those with questions may contact Baldrige at (785) 448-5446, or KDOT Southeast District Public Affairs Manager Priscilla Petersen, 1-877-550-5368. For more information concerning T-WORKS projects visit the website, [www.ksdot.org/tworks](http://www.ksdot.org/tworks).

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