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## **Bridge repair project on K-68 set to begin on April 30**

On Monday, April 30, the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) expects to begin a project that will replace the expansion joints on the bridge over Island Creek on K-68 in Franklin County. The bridge is approximately 11 miles east of the Osage-Franklin county line.

Expansion joints are devices that allow a bridge deck to expand and contract according to temperature changes. Traffic will be reduced to one lane at the work zone, controlled by temporary signals. Motorists should expect delays of 15 minutes or less. A driving lane width restriction of 11 feet will be in effect. The bridge repair should be finished by late June, weather permitting.

KDOT awarded the construction contract of \$110,148 to Mill Valley Construction, Inc., of Shawnee Mission, Kan. David Baldrige, construction engineer at the Garnett KDOT office, reminds drivers to follow the signs, obey the reduced speed limit and signals, and "Give 'Em a Brake!" at the work zone.

The project is funded under the T-WORKS transportation program. Those with questions concerning the bridge project may contact Baldrige at (785) 448-5446, or KDOT Southeast District Public Affairs Manager Priscilla Petersen, 1-877-550-5368.

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