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COVER: Accelerated bridge construction at Keg Creek, Iowa. SHRP 2 products and procedures are beginning to make a lasting, beneficial impact on the renewal, congestion relief, reliability, and safety of the nation's roadways. (Photo: FHWA)

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