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K-39 bridge replacements begin in early July

Tuesday, July 5, the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) plans to begin a project to replace two bridges on K-39 east of Chanute, weather permitting. The Draw Creek Bridge, located approximately 5½ miles east of the south U.S. 169 junction, and the Big Creek drainage bridge approximately 7 miles east of U.S. 169 will be replaced on the existing alignment of the highway.

Wednesday, July 6, the contractor expects to close the K-39 work zone to through traffic. The work zone includes both bridges and will remain closed for the duration of the project. The signed state highway detour for westbound K-39 traffic: from the west K-39/U.S. 59 junction proceed south on U.S. 59 to K-47; travel west on K-47 to U.S. 169; and then proceed north on U.S. 169 to K-39. Eastbound K-39 traffic will take the detour in the opposite direction.

KDOT awarded the construction contract of \$1.5 million to B&B Bridge Company, LLC, of St. Paul, Kan. The new bridges will be based on roadway that is 44 feet wide. The project should be finished and the new bridges opened to traffic in the summer of 2017, weather permitting.

This preservation project is part of the T-WORKS transportation program. Those with questions may contact KDOT Pittsburg Area Construction Engineer Bob Gudgen, (620) 231-7560, or KDOT Southeast District Public Affairs Manager Priscilla Petersen,

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