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## **River channel stabilization project to begin on U.S. 160 east of Oswego**

The week of November 7 the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) plans to begin a river channel reconstruction and stabilization project by the Neosho River Bridge on U.S. 160 two miles east of Oswego.

The project contractor will construct six bendway weirs at the bridge. A bendway weir is a submerged rock structure that will adjust the river's currents and reduce riverbank erosion. Since the work will take place off the highway, U.S. 160 traffic will not be significantly affected.

KDOT awarded the \$476,528 construction contract to Mission Construction Company of St. Paul. The project will be active weekdays and on some Saturdays. Weather permitting, the work should be finished by the end of the year.

Bob Gudgen, construction engineer at the KDOT Pittsburg office, reminds drivers to use extra caution and watch for trucks entering and exiting the project area. Persons with questions may contact Gudgen at (620) 231-7560, or Priscilla Petersen, 1-877-550-5368 (toll free).

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