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Bridge replacement project to start On K-27 in Wallace County

Beginning as early as January 6, a project to replace the bridge over Middle Ladder Creek along K-27 Highway in Wallace County will begin.

Specifically, the bridge is located approximately one mile north of the Wallace/Greeley County line.

Workers will start placing signs and traffic control devices on or around January 6 – weather permitting.

The scope of the project includes replacing the existing bridge which was constructed in 1963.

The construction work will be completed in phases. The first phase includes earthwork and installing a temporary shoo-fly detour which will be located east of the existing bridge.

“Traffic will not be affected during the first phase of construction,” reports KDOT Area Engineer Mathew Withington. “The second phase of the project includes construction of the new bridge structure during the first part of April. At that time, drivers will then utilize the temporary shoo fly detours to navigate around the construction.”

Please use caution, pay attention to the work zone signs, and respect workers when driving through any road construction zone. Slow down and "Give 'Em A Break".

KDOT awarded the construction contract - totaling \$2.4 million - to L & M Contractors, Inc., of Great Bend.

Subcontractors on the project include: All Roads Barricades, Inc., traffic control and temporary pavement markings, Lincoln, Neb.; Fulsom Brothers, Inc., guardrail, Cedar Vale; Dickhut Seed Company, temporary and permanent seeding, Scott City; Garber Surveying Service, P.A., surveying, Hutchinson; Gary A. Crain, Inc., bridge deck grooving, Prague; PCI Roads, traffic control, St. Michael, Min.; Sporer Land Development, bridge removal, earthwork, grading/surfacing, temporary erosion control, Oakley; HWA Davis, slope drain, concrete pavement, bridge approach slab footing, Newton.

Weather permitting this project will be completed by fall of 2014.

The bridge replacement project is funded by T-WORKS, the transportation program passed by the Kansas Legislature in May of 2010.

For questions concerning this project, please contact KDOT Construction Engineer Stuart Withington at (785) 672-3113 or stuartw@ksdot.org in Oakley; or Kristen Brands, Northwest Kansas Public Affairs Manager, at (785) 877-3315 or kristenb@ksdot.org in Norton.

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