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## **Plans to Replace Two Rooks County Bridges Underway**

As early as March 25, two bridge replacement jobs in Rooks County could begin – depending on weather conditions.

Both bridges are located on U.S. 24 Highway in Rooks County. The first structure is 1.8 miles east of the U.S. 24/U.S. 183 Junction. The second bridge is 5.2 miles west of Stockton.

The scope includes grading, bridge reconstruction and resurfacing at both locations.

“These two projects will be constructed at the same time with approximately the same starting and completion dates, explains KDOT Construction Engineer Jim Riener, of the Phillipsburg construction office.

**Traffic signals will be used on each bridge project. Minor delays should be expected through the construction time frame. The public should plan their travels accordingly. Pay attention to the signs and workers within a construction zone, and “Give ‘Em A Brake!”**

KDOT awarded both construction contracts - totaling \$695,184 and \$964,140 - to Bridges Inc. of Newton.

Subcontractors on the job include: APAC, asphalt; Advanced Land Surveying, construction staking, Highway Signing, Inc., traffic signal; Roadsafe Traffic Systems, traffic control; Gary A. Crain, bridge deck grooving; J&J Contractors, Inc., reinforcing steel; Perry Fulsom Construction Inc., seeding/erosion control; Fulsom Brothers, Inc., guardrail; M&D Excavating, earthwork.

The bridge replacement jobs are funded by T-WORKS, the Transportation program passed by the Kansas Legislature in May of 2010; and designed to create jobs, preserve highway infrastructure, and spur economic development opportunities across the state.

Weather permitting, these construction projects will be complete by October.

For questions concerning this project, please contact KDOT Area One Construction Engineer Jim Riener at (785) 543-2163 or [jriener@ksdot.org](mailto:jriener@ksdot.org) in Phillipsburg; or KDOT Northwest Kansas Public Affairs Manager Kristen Brands at (785) 877-3315 or [kristenb@ksdot.org](mailto:kristenb@ksdot.org) in Norton.

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