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U.S. 166 rail crossing to close for repairs at Baxter Springs

Next week the BNSF Railway plans to close and repair its crossing located on U.S. 166 approximately ½ mile west of the U.S. 166/69A/400 junction at Baxter Springs. **BNSF will close the crossing to traffic from 7:00 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 9, until 5:00 p.m. Monday, Feb. 13, weather permitting.**

Traffic will follow a signed detour on state highways during the closure. The detour for eastbound U.S. 166 traffic is as follows: from the U.S. 166/69 junction travel north on U.S. 69 to the U.S. 69/K-7/U.S. 160 junction at Columbus, east on U.S. 160 to the U.S. 160/69A/400 junction at Crestline, and south on U.S. 69A/400 to the U.S. 166/69A/400 junction. Westbound traffic on U.S. 166 should follow the same route in the opposite direction.

Persons with questions may contact Wayne Nelson, superintendent at the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) office in Pittsburg, (620) 231-7560, or Priscilla Petersen at the Chanute KDOT office, 1-877-550-5368.

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