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U.S.69 bridge repairs to start May 28

Tuesday, May 28, the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) plans to begin a repair project on two bridges located on a four-lane section of U.S. 69 in Bourbon County. The bridges to undergo repairs are in the north- and southbound lanes approximately 6½ miles north of the Crawford-Bourbon county line. Both span K-7 and BNSF railroad tracks.

Repairs on the bridge in the southbound lanes include resetting the bridge rocker bearings and replacing expansion joints. The northbound bridge will receive new expansion joints. The contractor will work on one bridge at a time, with traffic reduced to one lane through construction and a reduced speed of 45 miles per hour. The project should be finished by the end of July.

KDOT awarded the construction contract of \$218,260 to B & B Bridge Company, LLC, of St. Paul, Kan. According to Iola Area Construction Engineer Jerod Kelley, the work is being done to preserve the service life of the bridges. He reminds motorists to slow down and “Give ‘Em a Brake!” at the work zones.

Persons with questions concerning the project may contact Kelley at (620) 365-2161 or KDOT Southeast Kansas Public Affairs Manager Priscilla Petersen at 1-877-550-5368. The preservation project is funded under the T-WORKS transportation program. For additional information concerning T-WORKS visit the website, www.ksdot.org/tworks.

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