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Traffic to use short detour around bridge replacement on U.S. 166

Monday, July 9, the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) plans to switch two-way traffic onto a short 'shoofly' detour road that has been constructed south of the Bee Creek Bridge on U.S. 166 in Montgomery County. The bridge is located approximately two miles west of the west U.S. 75/166 junction.

Following the traffic switch, the project contractor will begin demolition and replacement of the existing Bee Creek Bridge. KDOT awarded B&B Bridge, LLC, of St. Paul, Kan., the construction contract of approximately \$1.5 million. The project should be finished late this autumn.

Luke Middleton, construction manager at the Independence KDOT office, reminds motorists to focus on their driving, obey the reduced speed limit on the shoofly detour, and "Give 'em A Brake!" Persons with questions about the Bee Creek Bridge replacement or other T-WORKS projects may contact Middleton at (620) 331-3760, or Priscilla Petersen, KDOT public affairs manager for the Southeast District, 1-877-550-5368. For additional information concerning T-WORKS, visit the website, www.ksdot.org/tworks.

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