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Bridge repair project on U.S. 160 set to begin on Monday

On Monday, March 19, the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) expects to begin a project that will replace the expansion joints on the Drum Creek Bridge on U.S. 160 east of Independence. The bridge is approximately 5½ miles east of the east U.S. 160/75 junction in Independence.

Expansion joints are devices that allow a bridge deck to expand and contract according to temperature changes. Traffic will be reduced to one lane at the work zone, controlled by temporary signals. Motorists should expect brief delays. The bridge repair should be finished in approximately one month, weather permitting.

KDOT awarded the construction contract of \$83,749 to Mill Valley Construction, Inc., of Shawnee Mission, Kan. Luke Middleton, construction manager at the Independence KDOT office, reminds drivers to focus on their driving, obey the reduced speed limit, follow the signs, and “Give ‘Em a Brake!” at the work zone.

The project is funded under the T-WORKS transportation program. Those with questions concerning the Drum Creek project may contact Middleton at (620) 331-3760, or KDOT Southeast District Public Affairs Manager Priscilla Petersen, 1-877-550-5368.

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