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## **K-39 bridge replacement project begins this week**

Friday, April 5, the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) plans to begin a project that will replace the Pecan Creek Bridge on K-39 in Neosho County. The bridge is located approximately one mile west of the west K-39/U.S.59 junction.

The Pecan Creek Bridge is being reconstructed on the existing K-39 alignment. K-39 will be closed to all through traffic at the work zone as of mid-day this Friday, and will remain closed for the duration of the project. Westbound K-39 motorists will follow the signed detour on state routes: from the west K-39/U.S. 59 junction proceed south on U.S.59 to K-47; travel west on K-47 to U.S. 169; and then proceed north on U.S. 169 to K-39. Eastbound K-39 motorists will take the detour in the opposite direction.

KDOT awarded the construction contract of \$620,443 to B&B Bridge Company, LLC, of St. Paul, Kan. The new bridge will be based on roadway that is 44 feet wide. The project should be completed and the new bridge opened to traffic this autumn.

The preservation project is part of the T-WORKS transportation program. Those with questions may contact KDOT Pittsburg Area Construction Engineer Bob Gudgen, (620) 231-7560, or KDOT Southeast District Public Affairs Manager Priscilla Petersen, (620) 431-1000. For more information concerning T-WORKS projects visit the website, [www.ksdot.org/tworks](http://www.ksdot.org/tworks).

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