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U.S. 400 bridge repair to start July 30

Monday, July 30, the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) expects to begin a repair and resurfacing project at the Spring River Bridge on U.S. 400 in Cherokee County. The bridge is 2.6 miles northwest of the U.S.400/U.S.166 junction.

KDOT will close U.S. 400 to through traffic at the bridge. The four-mile signed detour route will go through Baxter Springs on U.S. 69 Alternate and U.S.400/U.S.166. The detour will remain in effect for several months.

Project activity includes pavement patching, replacing the bridge expansion joints, and resurfacing the bridge deck with a multi-layer polymer concrete overlay. Workers will spread a thin layer of epoxy over the deck and sprinkle small gravel on top. The process will be repeated to create two layers of the polymer overlay. The overlay will seal the bridge deck and reduce penetration of de-icing salts that can speed the decay of steel in the deck.

KDOT awarded the \$370,606 construction contract to B&B Bridge Company of St. Paul, Kan. The preservation project is part of the T-WORKS transportation program passed by the Legislature in 2010. 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.

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