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## **U.S. 166 railroad overpass to be repaired**

**Today, (Thursday, Sept. 12) the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) began an expansion joint repair project at the eastbound Union Pacific Railroad overpass on U.S.166 at Coffeyville.** The overpass is just west of the Coffeyville city limits.

An expansion joint is a device that allows a bridge deck to expand and contract according to changes in temperature. Eastbound traffic has been reduced to one lane at the overpass, with no significant impacts to the traveling public.

KDOT awarded the construction contract of \$40,750 to B&B Bridge Company, LLC, of St. Paul, Kan. According to Independence Area Engineer Luke Middleton, this T-WORKS preservation project should be finished in approximately two weeks. Middleton reminds motorists to slow down at the work zone, obey the signs and directional arrow board, and "Give 'Em a Brake!" Persons with questions about this or other KDOT projects may contact Middleton at (620) 331-3760 or Priscilla Petersen at 1-877-550-5368. For more information concerning T-WORKS projects visit the website, [www.ksdot.org/tworks](http://www.ksdot.org/tworks).

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