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U.S. 166 in Cherokee County to close next week for bridge replacement

Monday, June 24, the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) plans to begin a project that will replace the Four Mile Creek Bridge on U.S. 166 in Cherokee County. The bridge is located approximately eight miles east of Chetopa.

The Four Mile Creek Bridge is being reconstructed on the existing highway alignment. The new bridge is based on roadway that is 44 feet wide. The contractor will place signs for the detour route early next week, and KDOT expects to close the bridge site to through traffic by mid-week. The work zone will remain closed for the duration of the project.

Eastbound U.S. 166 traffic will follow the signed detour on state routes: from the U.S.166/U.S.59 junction at Chetopa proceed north on U.S. 59 to the U.S.59/U.S.160 junction at Oswego; proceed east on U.S. 160 to the U.S.160/U.S.69 junction at Columbus; and then proceed south on U.S. 69 to U.S. 166. Westbound traffic will take the detour in the opposite direction.

KDOT awarded the construction contract of \$875,900 to B&B Bridge Company, LLC, of St. Paul, Kan. The project should be completed and the new bridge opened to traffic in November.

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,

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