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K-47 bridge replacement project begins this week

Wednesday, June 6, the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) plans to begin a project that will replace the Neosho River Bridge on K-47 in Neosho County. The bridge is located three miles east of the south U.S. 59/K-47 junction.

KDOT awarded the construction contract of approximately \$4 million to B&B Bridge Company, LLC, of St. Paul, Kan. The new bridge will be built on an offset alignment south of the current steel truss bridge. The roadway on the new bridge will be 40 feet wide and include 8-foot paved shoulders.

Two-way traffic will be carried on the existing bridge during early phases of the project, with no significant delays expected. Later this year the highway will be closed to through traffic at the bridge, and at that time a detour will be signed along K-146 and K-3. KDOT will notify the public with additional details prior to the closure. The entire project should be finished by January 2013, weather permitting.

The 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.

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